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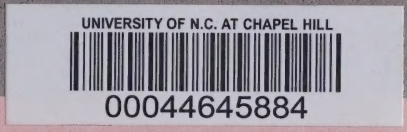
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OF THE

NORTH CAROLINA YEARLY MEETING,

HELD AT NEW GARDEN,

GUILFORD COUNTY, N. C.,

FROM THE SIXTH TO THE TENTH OF THE ELEVENTH MONTH,

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MINUTES.

At North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends, held at New Garden by adjournments, from the 6th to the 10th of the 11th month, 1848, from reports from the several quarterly meetings, we find that the following persons were appointed as representatives to this meeting:

From *Eastern* Quarter—Jonathan E. Cox, Joshua Trublood, John Peele, James Peele, Josiah Nicholson, and Obed Winslow.

Western—Jose Hobson, Paris S. Benbow, Temple Unthank, William Hockett, Owen T. Lindley, and Enoch Cox.

New Garden—Joshua Foster, Thomas T. Hunt, Isaac Clark, Cyrus Stanley, Charles Benbow, and Charles Pigeon, Jr.

Contentnea—Thomas Hollowell, Thomas Kennedy, Needham T. Perkins, William B. Hollowell, Levi Hollowell, and Calvin Perkins.

Lost Creek—John Marshill, Jonathan Jones and Abner Beales.

Deep River—Joseph Hockett, Abel Coffin, David V. Moffitt, William Gardner, Winslow Davis, William Johnson, William Tolbert, Joshua Bond, David Hobson, Eleazer Millikin, and David L. Fraser.

Southern—Isaac Frazier, Enoch Farlow, Micajah Hill, Amos Comber, Samuel Farlow, John Barker, and Nathan B. Hill.

Who being called, were present, except five; for whose absence sufficient reasons were rendered.

Our beloved friend Benjamin Seebohm, acceptably attended this meeting, and produced the same certificates as last year; which were read to the satisfaction of this meeting.

Also, our beloved friend Robert Lindsey, companion to Benjamin Seebohm, acceptably attended this meeting, and produced the same certificate as last year, which was read to the satisfaction of the meeting.

Our beloved friend John D. Long, acceptably attended this meeting, and produced a copy of a minute of unity and concurrence from Vassalborough monthly meeting of Friends, held in the State of Maine, the 18th of 10th month, 1848.

Our beloved friend Calvin Wasson, acceptably attended this meeting, and produced a certificate of unity and concurrence from Newberry monthly meeting of Friends in Clinton county, State of Ohio, dated the 10th of the 7th month, 1848, endorsed by Fairfield Quarterly meeting of Friends, held in Highland county, Ohio, the 29th of 7th month, 1848.

Also, our beloved friend Jacob Todhunter, companion to Calvin Wasson, acceptably attended this meeting, and produced a copy of

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a minute of unity and concurrence from Fairfield Monthly Meeting of Friends, in Ohio, dated the 19th of the 8th month, 1848.

Joseph Wilson and Abel Coffin were appointed messengers to the women's meeting.

Samuel Hill, Thomas Kennedy, Joseph Newlin, Josiah Nicholson, and Joshua Stanley, were appointed as way may open, to prepare suitable returning minutes for friends now in attendance from other yearly meetings, and produce them to a future sitting.

This meeting received and read the printed and the written epistle from the Yearly Meeting of Friends in London, together with one from Dublin, and one from each of the Yearly Meetings on this continent, to our comfort and edification; bringing our dear friends of other Yearly meetings fresh to our remembrance, and renewedly confirming us in the truth of that saying, that "one is our Master, even Christ Jesus, and all we are brethren."

John Peele, Jonathan E. Cox, Josiah Nicholson, Paris S. Benbow, Owen T. Lindley, Nathaniel Woody, Joshua Stanley, James Woody, John Russell, Lewis Starbuck, John R. Hubbard, John M. Clark, Thomas Kennedy, Thomas Hollowell, Needham T. Perkins, William B. Hollowell, Calvin Perkins, David Morgan, Jacob Beales, Jonathan Jones, James C. Allen, Nereus Mendenhall, William Tolbert, William Johnson, David L. Fraser, Joseph Hockett, William Dobbins, Jonathan Harriss, Allen U. Tomlinson, Jeremiah Piggott, Joseph Newlin, Samuel Hill, Nathan B. Hill, Simon Jones, David Farlow, William Clark, Zimri Stuart, David Hobson, Thomas Davis, Himelius Hockett, David Henley, Timothy Nicholson, Orwin White, Nathan H. Clark, William Pope, and Dougan Clark, Jr., were appointed, as truth may open the way, to essay epistles to the different yearly meetings, and produce them to a future sitting.

John Russell and James Woody were appointed to procure the re-print of 2000 copies of the London General Epistle, produce them to a future sitting, and draw on the Treasurer of this meeting for money to defray the expense.

James Peele, Josiah Nicholson, Paris S. Benbow, Joshua Stanley, Charles Benbow, Joshua Foster, Needham T. Perkins, Thomas Kennedy, Jonathan Jones, Jacob Beales, Jonathan Harris, Allen U. Tomlinson, Benjamin Cox, and Jesse Henley, were appointed to settle with the different Treasurers accountable to this meeting, propose what sum will be necessary to augment this meeting's stock, and suitable names for Treasurers, and report to a future sitting.

Nixon Henley, Stephen Macy, Isaac Carter, and Amos Stuart, were appointed to attend to the orderly sitting of this Yearly Meeting from day to day, and to keeping it select.

This meeting received the following minute from the New York Yearly Meeting:

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends held in New York by adjournments, from the 29th of the 5th month to the 3d of the 6th month, 1848—

A proposition was very feelingly made in this Meeting, attended with deep solicitude for the welfare of our beloved Society; whether essential benefit might not be hoped for, from a united effort on the part of the different Yearly Meetings of Friends in America, in relation to our present tried state.

The office of Peace-Maker, was seen to be a very interesting one, and the promise appended to it, still is, "blessed are the peace-makers, for they shall be called the children of God:" and after solemn deliberation on the nature and great importance of the object in view; the restoration of the Society to that unity and fellowship that formerly characterized it, the Meeting decided, with entire unanimity, on making an appointment for this purpose; and in the hope that our dear Friends of the other Yearly Meetings, who are equally interested with us, will respond to the proposition, we hereby suggest, with great deference to their judgment, that if the way opens for it, they will make similar appointments, in order that such Committees may assemble in one body, as the representatives of the Society, to feel after the mind of truth in relation to this concern.—We trust, that friends coming together under such feelings as the object contemplated can scarcely fail to inspire, and with a deep feeling that our dependance for instruction and help must be on the Lord, would be humbly prostrated before him.

It is a christian privilege for brethren to meet together, feel and sympathize with each other in their varied trials, and ask counsel of Him, "who is head over all things to the Church."

The object proposed, though of great magnitude, is nevertheless simple in its character, unconnected with any pre-conclusions, and without any thing binding upon the Yearly Meetings.—We have appointed a Committee to represent this Yearly Meeting; and we would propose that the Friends who may be appointed, meet at Baltimore on the second second day in 7th month, 1849—unless some place more suitable shall be designated.—It was concluded that the information of this concern and movement, be alluded to in the Epistles—and the Clerk was requested to forward copies of this Minute to the different Yearly Meetings of Friends in America, and also to those of our beloved Friends in London and Dublin, in the pleasing hope that they will unite with us in the concern, it being the common cause of the Society.

RICHARD MOTT, *Clerk this year.*

Which being read, was very cordially united with; and James Peele, Thomas T. Hunt, James C. Allen, John Bond, Abel Coffin, Joshua Foster, Thomas Kennedy, William Clark, Richard Mendenhall, Elihu Coffin, William Hockett, William Tolbert, Mahlon Hockett, Levi Buckingham, and Samuel Hill, were appointed to take the importance of the subject under their weighty consideration, seek to know the mind of Truth therein, and propose some suitable names to a future sitting to form said Committee.

The representatives were directed to confer together at the rise of this sitting, and make choice of some suitable friends to serve this meeting as Clerk and assistant Clerks, and propose them to the meeting to-morrow.

The Quarterly Meetings severally produced the answers to the queries; the Clerks were directed to prepare a summary of them, and produce it to the meeting to-morrow; and the meeting solemnly adjourned to meet again to-morrow morning, at 11 o'clock.

Third Day Morning, the 7th of the 11th Month.

The meeting met near the time adjourned to.

Abel Coffin on behalf of the representatives, reported that they had conferred together agreeably to the directions of the meeting yesterday, and are united in proposing Aaron Stalker for Clerk, of which this meeting approves and appoints him to that service.

Also, proposes David Marshall and Nereus Mendenhall for assistant Clerks, of which this meeting approves, and appoints them to that service.

The Clerks produced to this meeting, a summary of the answers to the queries, which is as follows:

SUMMARY ANSWERS—1848.

Ans. 1st Meetings for worship and discipline, pretty well attended by most Friends. A slackness appears in many, especially in the attendance of mid-week meetings in four of the quarters: care is said to be taken; the hour nearly observed; unbecoming behaviour guarded against.

Ans. 2nd. Love and unity preserved in a pretty good degree; where it appears otherwise, care is taken. Care taken to end differences when any appear. Care taken to put the rules of discipline in practice.

Ans. 3rd. Plainness and moderation kept to by most Friends; though some complaint appears in most of the quarters, in all of which, except one, care is said to be taken; most Friends endeavoring to train up their children in the principles of our religious profession, to reading the Holy Scriptures, and using some restraints for their preservation; but some appear too negligent in these important duties.

Ans. 4th. Some complaint of the unnecessary use of intoxicating liquors in all the quarters; one instance of distilling; one of drinking to excess; and one of trading therein. In four of the quarters care is said to be taken. No complaint in the other parts of that query, except in one monthly meeting, of a few attending places of diversion.

Ans. 5th. Friends bear a testimony against war, except in some cases of attending at musters. Also, against a hireling ministry, except that some attend meetings where the ministers officiate for hire.

Ans. 6th. No cause of complaint, except in one case of hiring a slave of his master, and one of holding, which are said to be under care.

Ans. 7th. No complaint, except a few instances of launching into trade beyond their abilities to manage, and some lack of punctuality in fulfilling engagements in two of the quarters.

Ans. 8th. Friends appear careful in the several particulars of that query, in all of the quarters.

Ans. 9th. No lawsuits amongst us.

Ans. to the Advices.—The advices were read as directed in all of the quarters, and is said to be in some degree attended to; yet a fear is expressed by one of the quarters that some friends are not sufficiently careful to keep wills by them, and behaving themselves orderly at all times; so as to answer the witness for truth in them with whom they are concerned.

At the reading of which, together with the answers from the quarterly meetings, the investigation of the state of society took place, during which much weighty and suitable counsel and advice was imparted by many concerned friends.—The Clerks were directed to prepare a minute embracing the exercise and labors of love bestowed on the occasion, and produce it to next sitting.

Deep River Quarterly Meeting proposes to change the time of holding said meeting from fifth day to the third seventh day in the 1st, 4th, 7th, and 10th months, and that the quarterly meeting of Ministers and Elders be held on sixth day preceding, and to dispense with all other week day meetings in said quarter during quarterly meeting week; which proposition being read, was approved by the meeting, and the change directed to take place accordingly.

The Clerk was directed to furnish Deep River Quarterly Meeting with a copy of the foregoing minute.

The Committee appointed yesterday to propose names to form a Committee in accordance with the proposition from the New York Yearly Meeting, report that they have conferred together, and are united in proposing that Aaron Stalker, Thomas Kennedy, James Peele, Richard Mendenhall, Nereus Mendenhall, and Joshua Stanley, constitute said Committee; which after a time of deliberation thereon, was fully united with by the meeting; and said friends were accordingly appointed to that service, and to report to next Yearly Meeting; also to draw on the Treasurer for money to defray their expenses.

The Clerk is directed to furnish said Committee with the copy of the minute of their appointment, and sign it on behalf of this meeting. And the meeting solemnly adjourns to meet again fifth day next, at 11 o'clock in the morning.

The Clerks produced to this meeting a minute in some degree embracing the exercise and concern of the meeting during the consideration of the state of society; which being read was approved by the meeting, and directed to be forwarded to the subordinate meetings as an epistle of advice, as follows:

"In investigating the state of society, while we have much to encourage us, we have also felt that we as a people are not fully coming up to the support of our profession and enjoying all the privileges of the devoted followers of Christ. Deficiencies are still apparent. Some of our members are too negligent as to the attendance of meetings. Thus they suffer, and the whole body suffers with them. Is the time required too great a sacrifice? Would it be devoting too much to Him from whom all our blessings flow, to set down on meeting days in solemn silence before Him in the company of our friends? Is it not a proof that we are too much taken up with the perishable things of time and sense, and are not sufficiently concerned to make ourselves acquainted with God? Then, dear friends, let each one be willing to make the inquiry, Is it I who am the cause of these complaints? and no longer halt. Throw aside every weight, and the sin that doth so easily beset us, and run with patience the race that is set before us. When the prodigal son, after feeding upon the husks, was disposed to return to his father's house, he was met by the way and received with rejoicing.

We have at this time, in a very feeling manner, been reminded of these things, and have desired that none might neglect to avail themselves of those blessings which are in store for all the faithful. Nor let any be discouraged because their meetings are small, and they may be often held in silence. Where two or three are met in the name of Christ, he is there to teach them; and he needeth no instrument of earth whereby to communicate with the soul of his creature man. Let all then be encouraged to look to Him who is the minister of ministers, and in their own hearts to come to that tabernacle which God hath pitched and not man.

And yet, friends, great is the value of a living Gospel ministry. Through all his dispensations to the children of men, the Lord hath been pleased to set apart some in a more particular manner—to call and qualify them to declare his truths to the people. We believe that this call is now going forth, and that he will revive his work in the midst of the years. All of us have a work to do—and we desire that all may stand resigned to the part which is laid upon them. And whether they be called to labor with their brethren

in a private manner, or show forth the power and goodness of God in the public assemblies of the people—so let them do. There is no room for idlers in the house of the Lord; and those parts which it may be are placed measurably out of the sight of men, are at the very foundation upon which the fabric rests. An humble devoted walk with God is loud preaching.

Especially have we desired that the youth, and those too in the vigor of their manhood, whom the Lord hath visited, may yield up all into his hands. Make no reservation—for ye are not your own, but have been bought with a price, even the precious blood of Christ. Serve him, therefore, with the whole heart. And though the sacrifice which is called for, may appear to be small and as it were of little account, yet remember that it is they who are faithful with the little, that shall be made rulers over more. We are strictly accountable for that which we have, not for that which we have not. Nor can we estimate the value of a sacrifice. The poor widow's mite was worth more than all the offerings of the rich. He who miraculously fed the thousands of old on a few loaves and fishes, can yet break the bread and give it to his disciples; and if it has his blessing, though it appear very small, the hungry shall be therewith filled.

We have been a fresh reminded of the importance of a frequent perusal of the Holy Scriptures, and have felt desirous that our members might more and more inform themselves with the great truths therein contained. Our early friends George Fox and his fellow-laborers, sat a high value on these records of God's love, his judgments, his mercy and tender dealings towards the children of men. Passages of Scripture impressed on the mind in early years, will prove a treasure which will increase as we grow older, and from which we may again and again derive fresh instruction and comfort. Let parents, then, not only diligently read them themselves, but read them in their families, and let the children also be encouraged to read them in private retirement before the Lord.

Our testimony against war, we have at this time renewedly felt to be very precious; believing as we do that this extensive sin, through all its ramifications, is directly traceable to the corruption, pride and lusts of the heart, and that it is entirely opposed to the Gospel of Christ which was ushered in by the heavenly host, proclaiming—"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Our testimony against a hireling ministry, is also of great importance—more so than a superficial observer might suppose. Our principles stand as one great whole; and it is impossible for any of

our members to infringe upon any of them without weakening our attachment to, and our ability to, support the others.

So, too, in respect of plainness in dress and address. We entreat our young friends especially, honestly to consider what they expect to gain by running after the lo heres and lo theres, attending the ministry of those who profess to preach the Gospel of Christ, and yet it may be receive money for their services—perhaps hold their fellow-men in bondage. We speak in tenderness and love towards all. But have we not a testimony to bear against these things? And what shall we say to those who are inclined to deck their perishable forms in frippery, and follow the fashions of a deluded world? Is it not evidence that you have not your treasure in heaven, "where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal"? Is it not evidence that the love of God and his dear Son, does not abide in you? Do you not know that if you were alive to Him, that these things which never can raise you into the respect of your fellow mortals, or into satisfaction with yourselves, would drop off, even as dead leaves fall from the reviving tree? Remember, then, in all things, your Creator now in the days of your youth. Seek Him and he will be found of you; but if you forsake Him, he will cast you off forever.

Signed on behalf and by direction of North Carolina Yearly Meeting, held at New Garden from the 6th to the 10th of the 11th month, 1848.

AARON STALKER,
Clerk to the Meeting.

ABIGAIL H. STANLEY,
Clerk to the Women's Meeting.

This Meeting received the 12th Annual Report of the Trustees of the Boarding School; which being read and approved is as follows:

TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF NEW GARDEN BOARDING SCHOOL.

We find that the average number of pupils through the year, has been 31—and 10 of this number have been day scholars. The health of the family has been generally good, and the order of the school has been in a good degree observed.

The financial condition of the school may be understood from the followir statements:

	Last Year.	*This Year.*
Amount due the school, - -	$1984 51	$2148 20
Cash on hand, - - - -	37 50	90 00
Provisions on hand, - - -	90 00	252 40
Goods and books on hand, - -	710 00	1264 25
	$2822 01	$3754 85
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Showing a surplus of goods and books over last year, of		$932 84
Debts against the school, - -	*last year,* $3084 51	*this year.* $4125 70
		3084 51
Showing an increase of debt of - - -		$1041 19
From this take - - - - -		932 84
And it shows that the school fell behind on the transactions of last year, - - - -		$108 35

If we take the available means $3754 85 from the whole amount of debts against the school—$4125 70, it leaves $370 85 which the school is in debt beyond its present means of payment, according to the above estimates. It is proper also to state, that the above amount due the school of $2148 20 includes at least $200, which it is thought will not be collected; and that in making the estimate of goods and books on hand, they were placed at retail prices, with 10 per cent. deducted. So that in reckoning the true amount which the school owes above its means of payment, we must add to the $370 the $200 of bad debts, and also whatever the goods and books may lack (if any) of selling for the estimated amount. We may also mention that the interest received from the Common Fund $65 30, was thrown into the current expenses of the year.

JOSEPH NEWLIN, *Clerk.*

9th Month, 1848.

This meeting was informed that Joseph Smithson, of Montgomery county, N. C., devised by will to North Carolina Yearly Meeting, the sum of $100. Samuel Hill was appointed agent to receive the sum on behalf of this meeting, pay it over to the Yearly Meeting Treasurer, and report to next Yearly Meeting.—The Clerk was directed to furnish him with a copy of the foregoing minute, and sign it on behalf of the meeting.

This meeting received the report of the Standing Committee, which being read is as follows.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING NOW SITTING.

The Standing Committee report, that after a full and thorough examination into the condition of our Boarding School, and notwithstanding its financial condition is no worse than it has been in former years, yet the debt is accumulating, and we feel there is imperative necessity that some movement should be made to place this Institution upon a more permanent basis; and after a conference with the Trustees, we are united in proposing to the Yearly Meeting, that we enter into subscription to the funds now existing called the Charity Fund and the Common Fund; either or both of said funds we believe will meet the exigencies of this pressing necessity; that every member of our Yearly Meeting consider it his duty to subscribe to one of these funds, the interest of which is all that will ever be required. We would propose the term of 10 years, or during life, and that this interest to be punctually paid yearly and applied to lower the price of board and tuition in the school, and also to enable the children of those in indigent circumstances, to obtain the advantages of this Institution. If a liberal subscription can now be entered into for either of these funds, it will enable the Institution to go on without incurring further debt, besides the great advantage of bringing it into the reach of all our members.

The above funds have existed for some years: they amounted previous to this time to two thousand three hundred and forty one dollars. The members of the Trustees and Standing Committee, have now subscribed the sum of seven hundred and thirteen dollars and thirty one cents; provided there are two thousand dollars subscribed by the Yearly Meeting. All of which we submit.

Signed by direction of the Committee by

N. B. HILL, *Clerk.*

11th Month 9th, 1848.

At the reading of the foregoing report, the meeting was introduced into exercise and concern for the preservation and support of the institution; and agreeably to the recommendation therein contained, went into a subscription which resulted in receiving the sum of $2000 as therein proposed.

Josiah Nicholson, Paris S. Benbow, John Russell, Needham T. Perkins, David Morgan, Nereus Mendenhall, and William Clark, were appointed to solicit further subscription in aid of said funds in their respective quarterly meetings, and to forward the amount received, if for the Common Fund, to Joseph Newlin, Treasurer. That for the Charitable Fund, to Allen U. Tomlinson, and report to next Yearly Meeting.

The Trustees of the Boarding School informed the Yearly Meeting as follows: That agreeably to an order of the Yearly Meeting, the term of service of Joseph Newlin, William Hockett, and Alexander Clark, as a part of the School Committee, have expired; and propose that Joseph Newlin and William Hockett, be re-appointed, and that Joshua Stanley be appointed in the place of Alexander Clark. The foregoing proposition, after being read and consid-

was approved by the meeting, and the friends were accordingly appointed to that service.

This meeting was informed by some of the members of the meeting for Sufferings, that a number of vacancies had occurred in that body. John Carter, Nixon Henley, Elihu Coffin, Paris S. Benbow, Jonathan Harris, Joseph Newlin, Daniel Barker, and Joshua Foster, were appointed to take the subject under their weighty consideration; and as way may open, bring forward to next sitting the names of some suitable friends to supply said vacancies.

The Committee appointed at a former sitting to settle with the different Treasurers accountable to this meeting, report as follows:

We find in the hands of William Hockett, Western Treasurer, the sum of	$147 38½
In the hands of Josiah T. White, Eastern Treasurer,	22 00
In the hands of Aaron Hammer, Lost Creek Treasurer,	10 00
	$179 38½

We propose the sum of $225 to augment the Yearly Meeting stock, thus apportioned:

Eastern Quarter's part,	$37 50
Western Quarter,	37 50
New Garden Quarter,	28 50
Contentnea Quarter,	19 50
Lost Creek Quarter,	15 00
Deep River Quarter,	42 00
Southern Quarter,	45 00
	$225 00

We propose William Hockett for Western Treasurer, Josiah T. White for Eastern Treasurer, and Aaron Hammer for Lost Creek.

We find in the hands of the Trustees of the Charitable Fund, $1048 94 at interest.

We also find in the hands of Joseph Newlin, Treasurer of the Common Fund, $1293 41 at interest.

We find nothing in the hands of James Woody, Treasurer, of subscriptions.—Signed on behalf of the Committee by

JOSIAH NICHOLSON.

The foregoing report, after being read, was approved by the meeting; the Treasurers were appointed as therein proposed; and the sum of $225, as apportioned among the Quarters, was directed to be raised and produced to next Yearly Meeting.

The subject of Friends availing themselves of the privileges of an act of Assembly in this State, releasing the members of the different

religious denominations from performing military duty, under certain conditions therein set forth, came before the meeting as a reference from our last Yearly Meeting. During the consideration of this matter, the meeting was introduced into deep exercise and concern for the support of our ancient christian testimony against all wars and fightings; and strong desires were felt and expressed that nothing might be done by any of our members tending, in any degree, to mar or weaken said testimony. After a free expression of sentiment, the following Friends were appointed a Committee to take the whole subject under consideration, and if way should open, produce to next sitting a petition to our next Legislature, asking for a repeal or modification of said law, to wit: Thomas Kenedy, Jesse Henley, Daniel Barker, John Carter, Jonathan Harris, Richard Mendenhall, Allen U. Tomlinson, Thomas Woody, William Tolbert, Joseph Hockett, Joseph Newlin, William Reins, Paris S. Benbow, Elihu Coffin, John Russell, Jeremiah Picket, Joshua Stanley, Thomas Hollowell, David Morgan, Aaron Elliott, Nixon Henley, Samuel Hill, and Joash Reynolds.

And the meeting solemnly adjourns to meet again to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

Sixth Day Morning, 10th of the 11th Month.

The meeting met near the time adjourned to.

This meeting received a testimony from Lost Creek Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Lost Creek Quarterly Meeting, and approved by the meeting for Sufferings, concerning William Morgan, deceased; which being read, was approved by this meeting and directed to be recorded in the book of memorials.

Also, received a memorial from Springfield Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Deep River Quarterly Meeting and approved by the meeting for Sufferings, concerning Rachel Mendenhall, deceased; which, after being read, was approved by the meeting and directed to be recorded in the book of memorials.

The Committee appointed at a former sitting, to propose some suitable friends to fill the vacancies in the meeting for Sufferings, report the following—which we submit to the meeting, to wit:—Paris S. Benbow, Joash Reynolds, Jose Hobson, Nathaniel Woody, Thomas Starbuck, John M. Clark, Thomas Benbow, Jesse Swain, Nereus Mendenhall, Isaac Carter, David V. Moffitt, Zimri Hockett, William Johnson, Nixon Henley, William Clark, Benjamin Cox, Nicholas Barker, and David Farlow. 10th of the 11th mo. 1848, Joseph Newlin on behalf of the Committee; which, after being read and considered, was approved by the meeting, and the friends appointed members of that body accordingly.

The Clerk was directed to furnish the next meeting for Sufferings with a copy of the foregoing minute, and sign it on behalf of the meeting.

The minutes of the meeting for Sufferings were produced and read in this meeting, by it approved, and the Clerk was directed to sign them on behalf of the same.

The meeting received through the meeting for Sufferings, an address to the different religious denominations in our country, on the subject of Slavery; which, after being read and weightily considered, was united with by the meeting, and the whole document referred to the Clerks for further examination and correction; to procure the printing of two thousand five hundred copies, and to draw on the Trustees of the African Fund for money to defray the expense.

The Committee appointed yesterday to take into consideration the reference from our last Yearly Meeting, report as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the proposition from Deep River Quarter, relating to the existing military law of our State, and the manner in which friends are affected by it, &c., report: That they have taken the subject into their serious and deliberate consideration, and endeavoured to view it in its different bearings, under a sense of the oppressiveness of the law, and the difficulties to which friends are subjected thereby. But with feelings of much sympathy for all who are, in any way, brought under trial on this account, and earnest desires that all our dear friends concerned, may be enabled, at all times, and under all circumstances, to act therein, with a conscience void of offence towards God, and a tender regard towards each other— the way does not appear to open with clearness to the Committee, to recommend to the Yearly Meeting, at this time, to make any application to the Legislature on account of the law in question, or to take any other step in the matter at present.

The Committee would propose, that any endeavours which it may be right to use, with a view to a mitigation of the law, be left to the meeting for Sufferings to use therein, when and as way may open.

PARIS S. BENBOW,
On behalf of the Committee.

Which being read, was satisfactory to the meeting.

The Quarterly Meetings severally reported on the subject of spirituous liquors, the summary of which is as follows: That out of the 1987 adult members reported, 200 are not entirely clear of the use of this destructive article; and that there are 37 of our members not inquired of. The subject, after claiming the deliberate consideration of the meeting, was recommended to the attention of the subordinate meetings; and they were advised to labor as truth may open the way, for its removal from amongst us as a people, and to report to next Yearly Meeting, all members of eighteen

years of age and over, both male and female, distinguishing between the members of those who use it only when administered as a medicine, and those who use it otherwise.

The Trustees of the Boarding School propose as follows: That the charges for board and tuition in said school, remain at $65 a year as heretofore, and that $63 of it be paid by the patrons of the school, and that $2 be paid out of the proceeds arising from the Common Fund; which we submit to the meeting 11th month 10th, 1848. JOSEPH NEWLIN, *Clerk.*

The foregoing proposition was approved of by the meeting, and directed to the observance of those charged with the management of the school.

The Committee appointed at the first sitting of this meeting to prepare, as way may open, returning minutes for friends now in attendance from other yearly meetings, have produced the following:—Our beloved friend Benjamin Seebohm, acceptably attended this meeting and produced the same certificates as last year—whose company and gospel labors have been satisfactory and edifying.

Our beloved friend Robert Lindsay, companion to Benjamin Seebohm, acceptably attended this meeting, and produced the same certificates which were read last year—whose company and gospel labors have been satisfactory and edifying.

Our beloved friend John D. Lang, acceptably attended this meeting, and produced a copy of a minute of unity and concurrence from Vassalborough Monthly Meeting of friends held in the State of Maine, the 18th of the 10th month, 1848—whose company and gospel labors have been satisfactory and edifying.

Our beloved friend Calvin Wasson, acceptably attended this meeting, and produced a certificate of unity and concurrence from Newberry Monthly Meeting of friends, Clinton county, State of Ohio, dated the 10th of the 7th month, 1848, endorsed by Fairfield Quarterly Meeting, Highland county, Ohio, dated 28th of the 7th month, 1848—whose company and gospel labors have been satisfactory and edifying.

Our beloved friend Jacob Todhunter, companion to Calvin Wasson, acceptably attended this meeting, and produced a copy of a minute of unity and concurrence from Fairfield Monthly Meeting of friends in Highland county, State of Ohio, dated the 19th of the 8th month, 1848—whose company and orderly deportment have been satisfactory.

The Committee appointed at the first sitting of this [illegible] have the London General Epistle re-printed, produced [illegible] meeting agreeably to their directions. The represen[illegible]

directed to meet together at the rise of the meeting, and apportion them among the quarterly meetings.

New England Yearly Meeting informed this meeting that they have appointed the following friends

CORRESPONDENTS, TO WIT:

JONATHAN CONGDON, Providence, Rhode Island;
DAVID BUFFUM, Newport, Rhode Island;
JOHN MEADER, Providence, Rhode Island;
GEORGE HOWLAND, New Bedford, Massachusetts.

CORRESPONDENTS IN INDIANA YEARLY MEETING:

WILLIAM HOBBS, New Garden, Wayne County, Indiana;
ELIJAH COFFIN, Richmond, Indiana;
GEORGE CARTER, Wilmington, Clinton county, Ohio;
THOMAS EVANS, Waynesville, Warren county, Ohio.

The Committee appointed at a former sitting, to essay epistles of correspondence with the several Yearly Meetings of friends, have produced them; which being read, were satisfactory to the meeting, and the Clerks were directed to correct and transcribe them, and the Clerk to sign them on behalf of the meeting and forward them to their several places of address.

The Clerks were directed to have 1500 copies of the minutes of this meeting printed for distribution among our members, and to draw on the Treasurer of this meeting for money to defray the expense.

And the meeting having in harmony and brotherly love brought its various deliberations to a close, solemnly concludes to meet again at the usual time next year, if the Lord permit.

AARON STALKER,
Clerk to the Meeting.

MINUTES OF THE
NORTH CAROLINA YEARLY MEETING,
Held at New Garden, Guilford Co., 11th mo., 1849.

At North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends, held at New Garden, from the 5th to the 9th of the 11th month, 1849: The representatives from the different Quarterly Meetings being called, were present, (except Benjamin Copeland and Thomas Cox, for whose absence sufficient reasons were rendered,) as follows:

From the Eastern Quarter—Jeptha White, Josiah T. White, David White, Benjamin Copeland, James Peele and William Nicholson.

Western Quarter—William Hocket, Jose Hobson, John Dickson, Nathaniel Woody, Owen T. Lindley and Jonathan Hodgin.

New Garden Quarter—John Russell, Isaac Clark, Reuben Starbuck, Thomas Mace and Thomas Benbow.

Contentnea Quarter—Samuel Perkins, Thomas Kenedy, William Cox, Jr., John B. Perkins, Cogdel B. Massey and Calvin G. Perkins.

Lost Creek Quarter—Aaron Hammer, Isaac Jones and John Hackney, Jr.

Deep River Quarter—Winslow Davis, Aaron Elliott, John Bundy, Zimri Hocket, Isaac Carter, Abel Coffin, William Johnson, Joshua Bond, Mahlon Hockett, Joseph Hockett, John Hodson and William Pope.

Southern Quarter—Nathan B. Hill, James Nixon, William Coltrane, William Clark, Thomas Jones, Stephen Hinshaw and Thomas Cox.

This meeting received the general and written Epistles from the Yearly Meeting in London, together with one from each of the Yearly Meetings on this continent, which were read. The salutary counsel and sympathy therein contained have been satisfactory to us, and have tended to strengthen us in the belief, that this mode of epistolary correspondence between the different Yearly Meetings of Friends had its origin in the Truth, and as it is maintained in and under the authority of the same, will continue to be a blessing to our religious society.

Our esteemed friend, Sybil Jones, a minister, acceptably attended this Meeting and produced a minute of unity and concurrence from China Monthly Meeting of Friends, in the State of Maine, dated 16th of the 10th mo. 1849.

Our esteemed friend, John P. Balderston, a minister, acceptably attended this meeting, and produced a minute of unity and concurrence from Nottingham and Little Brittain Monthly Meeting of Friends, held 6th of the 10th mo. 1849.

Our esteemed friend, Lydia R. Kelly, acceptably attended this meeting, and produced a certificate of unity and concurrence from

Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends, held 7th mo. 26th, 1849, endorsed by Smithfield Quarterly Meeting, held at Bolton, in the State of Massachusetts, the 9th of the 8th mo. 1849.

Our esteemed friend, Ruth H. Baker, acceptably attended this meeting, and produced a certificate of unity and concurrence from Sandwich Monthly Meeting of Friends, held in Massachusetts, the 7th of the 9th mo. 1849, endorsed by Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held 4th of the 10th mo. 1849.

Our esteemed friend William P. Howland, assistant companion to Lydia R. Kelly and Ruth H. Baker, acceptably attended this meeting, and produced a copy of minute of unity and concurrence from New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Friends, held 9th mo. 27th, 1849.

Our esteemed friend, Rebecca Collins, acceptably attended this meeting, and produced a copy of minute of unity and concurrence from a Monthly Meeting of Friends of Philadelphia for the Western District, dated 10th mo. 17th, 1849.

Also, our esteemed friend Hannah Beesly, companion to Rebecca Collins, acceptably attended this meeting, and produced a copy of a minute of unity and concurrence from a Monthly Meeting of Friends of Philadelphia for the Western District, dated 10th mo. 17th, 1849.

Our esteemed friend Elizabeth Pitfield acceptably attended this meeting and produced a copy of minute of unity and concurrence from a Monthly Meeting of Friends of Philadelphia for the Northern District, held 10th mo. 23rd, 1849.

Our esteemed friend Sarah Hillman acceptably attended this meeting. and produced a minute of unity and concurrence from a Monthly Meeting of Friends of Philadelphia for the Northern District, held 10th mo. 23rd, 1849.

Our esteemed friend Phebe Kinsey, companion to Elizabeth Pitfield and Sarah Hillman, acceptably attended this meeting and produced a copy of a minute of unity and concurrence from Frankford Monthly Meeting of Friends, held 10th mo. 30th, 1849.

Our esteemed friend Horatio C. Wood, assistant companion to Elizabeth Pitfield and Sarah Hillman, acceptably attended this meeting, and produced a copy of a minute of unity and concurrence from a Monthly Meeting of Friends of Philadelphia for the Northern District, held 10th mo. 23rd, 1849.

Our esteemed friend Sarah M. Hiatt acceptably attended this meeting, and produced a certificate of unity and concurrence from Spiceland Monthly Meeting of Friends, held 8th mo. 22nd, 1849, endorsed by Spiceland Quarterly Meeting, held in Henry county, State of Indiana, dated 8th of the 9th mo. 1849.

Our esteemed friend Rebecca H. Jinks, companion to Sarah M. Hiatt, acceptably attended this meeting, and produced a copy of minute of unity and concurrence from Union Monthly Meeting of Friends, held in the State of Ohio the 19th of the 10th mo. 1849.

Also our esteemed friend Rice Price, assistant companion to Sarah M. Hiatt and Rebecca H. Jinks, acceptably attended this meet-

ting, and produced a copy of a minute of unity and concurrence from Duck Creek Monthly Meeting of Friends, held in Henry county, Indiana, the 20th of the 9th mo. 1849.

This meeting appoints David White, Thomas Kenedy, Samuel Hill, Joseph Newlin, James Peele, John R. Hubbard, Nathan B. Hill, Needham T. Perkins and Josiah T. White, to prepare as way may open, suitable returning minutes for Friends now in attendance from other Yearly Meetings, and produce them to a future sitting.

Abel Coffin and John Carter are appointed messengers to the Women's Meeting.

David White, Jeptha White, William Nicholson, James Woody, John Dickson, Alexander Clark, Isham Cox, Jose Hobson, William Hocket, Charles Stuart, Charles Benbow, James Woody of N. G., Aaron Mendenhall, Isaac Clark, Reuben Starbuck, John Wilson, William Cox, Thomas Kenedy, John Perkins, Needham T. Perkins, Isaac Jones, Aaron Hammer, John Hackney, Jr., Elihu Mendenhall, William G. Johnson, David Hobson, Mahlon Hockett, Jr., Amos Stuart, Joseph Hockett, Abel Coffin, Isaac Carter, Nereus Mendenhall, William Clark, Nixon Henly, Joseph Newlin, Nathan B. Hill, Nathan Craven, Nicholas Barker, Dougan Clark, Jr., Stephen Hinshaw, Nathan H. Clark, Miles Hobson, Zimri Stuart, William O. White, Daniel Vestal, William Stout, Lewis Starbuck, John Hammer, Thomas Mace and Zimri Hockett, were appointed to essay an Epistle to each of the Yearly Meetings of Friends, and produce them to a future sitting.

This meeting appoints John Russel and James Woody to have 1500 copies of the London General Epistle re-printed and produce them to a future sitting, and draw on the Treasurer of this Meeting for money to defray the expense.

Elihu Coffin, Abel Coffin, Amos Stuart, David White, John Newlin, Jesse Henly, John Russel, Joshua Stanly, John Hackney, Aaron Elliott, Jeptha White, Samuel Perkins, James Woody, N. G., and Thomas Jones, were appointed to settle with the several Treasurers accountable to this Meeting; propose what sum will be necessary to be raised to augment the Yearly Meeting Stock, and apportion the same among the Quarterly Meetings; also propose suitable Friends for Treasurers, and report to a future sitting.

This Meeting appoints the following Friends to attend to the orderly sitting of this meeting from day to day, and to the keeping of it select, to wit: Jonathan Harris, Nixon Henly, William Hocket, William Pope, Jesse Swain, Jabez Macy and Isaac Carter.

Jeptha White, William Nicholson, William Hocket, Isham Cox, John Russel, Aaron Mendenhall, Needham T. Perkins, John Kenedy, John Hackney, Isaac Jones, Amos Stuart, John Carter, Samuel Hill and Joseph Newlin were appointed to enquire into the situation of travelling Friends that may from time to time come among us, and to see that they are provided with such accommodations as their circumstances require.

The several Quarterly Meetings produced to this sitting the an-

swers to the queries, and the Clerks were directed to prepare a summary therefrom and produce it to the meeting to-morrow. Also, to prepare a summary from the reports of the Quarters in regard to the use of spirituous liquors among our members, and produce it to a future sitting.

The Representatives were directed to confer together at the rise of this sitting and to make choice of some suitable Friend to serve the meeting as Clerk, also some Friends for assistant Clerks, and report to the meeting to-morrow.

And the meeting solemnly adjourned, to meet again to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

Third-day morning, the 6th of the 11th mo.

The meeting met near the time adjourned to.

The representatives made the following report:

To the Yearly Meeting now sitting:—The representatives have conferred together, and agreed to propose *Aaron Stalker* for Clerk, and *David Marshall* and *Jeptha White* for Assistant Clerks. 11th mo. 5th, 1849. On behalf of the representatives,

THOMAS KENEDY.

All of which is approved of by this meeting and the Clerk and Assistants appointed as therein proposed.

The Clerks informed the Meeting that they had prepared a summary of the answers to the queries agreeably to the directions of the Meeting yesterday, which being produced and read is as follows:

Summary Answers.

Ans. 1. Meetings for worship and discipline duly attended by most friends; though there appears a deficiency in all of the Quarters, especially the attendance of mid-week meetings. In all of the Quarters care is said to have been taken except two. The hour mostly observed. In one Quarter it is said not to be so well observed as is desired. Unbecoming behavior mostly guarded against.

Ans. 2. Love and unity preserved in a pretty good degree; yet a lack in some is expressed in five of the Quarters, in three of which care is said to be taken; tale-bearing and detraction discouraged; care taken to end differences. The rules of discipline mostly put in practice.

Ans. 3. Plainness and moderation kept to by most friends, but deviated from by others in all of the Quarters. Care is said to be taken in all of them except one. Most friends appear concerned to train up their children in the principles of our religious profession, to reading the holy scriptures, and use some restraints for their preservation; yet a remissness in some is expressd in nearly all of the Quarters. Care is said to be taken in four of the Quarters.

Ans. 4. Most friends appears clear of the unnecessary use of inioxicating liquors; yet some complaint appears in all of the Quarters; one instance of trading in them, which is under notice. Care is said to be taken in five of the Quarters. One instance of attending a place of diversion, which is said to be under care.

Ans. 5. Friends bear a testimony against war, except in one instance in one Quarter, and some cases of attending musters in another, which are under notice. Friends generally bear a testimony against a hireling ministry, though a complaint appears in four of the Quarters of some friends attending meetings where the minister officiates for hire, in two of which care is said to be taken.

Ans. 6. Friends are clear of purchasing, disposing of, or holding mankind so as to prevent them from the benefit of their labor, except of two instances of hiring of their holders, and two of holding, which are said to be under notice. Friends are careful to use those well who are under their care, endeavoring to encourage them in a virtuous life.

Ans. 7. Friends are generally careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances, and avoid launching into trade beyond their ability to manage. Some complaint in two of the Quarters in regard to fulfilling engagements.

Ans. 8. The necessities of poor friends relieved when known and care taken for the education of their children. The rights of friends' children are not neglected, nor are they placed from amongst us without consent of the Monthly Meeting.

Ans. 9. No lawsuits amongst us contrary to discipline.

Ans. to Advices. The advices were read and considered in all of the Quarters, and are said to be in some degree attended to, except some delinquincy in two of the Quarters in regard to keeping wills by them.

During the reading of which the investigation of the state of society took place, much exercise and concern was felt on account of many departures from the principles and testimonies of our religious Society by many of our members. The Clerks were directed to prepare a minute embracing as near as they could the labor bestowed on the occasion, and produce it to next sitting.

And the meeting solemnly adjourns until fifth day next at 10 o'clock.

Fifth-day morning, 8th of the 11th month.

The meeting met near the time adjourned to.

The committee appointed at last Yearly Meeting to meet with similar committees from other Yearly Meetings, in the City of Baltimore, on the 2nd day in the 7th mo. last, made the following report:

To the North Carolina Yearly Meeting: The Committee appointed to meet with similar Committees from other Yearly Meetings, to confer together on the present state of our Society,—Report: That we met in Baltimore, in the 7th month, with the Committees from New York, New-England, Baltimore and Indiana Yearly Meetings; that we were favored to deliberate upon the important subjects of the appointment in great harmony and entire unity, and

our deliberations have resulted in preparing the accompaning document, which we herewith present.

AARON STALKER, RICH'D MENDENHALL,
JAMES PEELE, NEREUS MENDENHALL,
THOS. KENEDY, JOSHUA STANLY.

The accompanying document was then produced and read, and the meeting being favored calmly and deliberately to consider the same, it was fully united with ;—but the publication thereof was referred until it should be approved by the different Yearly Meetings represented in said conference.

The following proposition was received from the Trustees of the Boarding School and Standing Committee, as follows:

To the Yearly Meeting now sitting: The Trustees of the Boarding School, in Conference with the Standing Committee, having had under their consideration the importance of the guarded religious and literary education of the children of our Society, were united in the belief that advantage might arise from the appointment of a general Committee on Education. Such Committees now exist in some of the other Yearly Meetings and it is believed that they are in various ways productive of benefit.

It is therefore proposed that a Committee of two men and two women be appointed in each of the Monthly Meetings belonging to the Yearly Meeting, whose duty it shall be to inquire into the state of Education in their respective Meetings and annually to convene and condense their reports and present them to the Yearly Meeting.

Among other things they are especially to furnish a statement of the number of children between the ages of 5 and 16 and of those between 16 and 21; what proportion of them are going to school; the kinds of school; whether taught by friends or not; the length of time the schools continue, &c.

The object of this general Committee being to promote the proper religious and literary education of our youth, it is expected of them to make such suggestions from time to time, both as to our Boarding School and the neighborhood schools, as may be thought best.

And in order to secure attention to these subjects, it is recommended that the Committee be selected with due care. And for this purpose that a Committee of at least four friends from each Quarter be now noninated to bring forward the names of the friends to the meeting to-morrow, who are to compose the General Committee on education.

JOSEPH NEWLIN, Clerk of the Trustees.
NATHAN B. HILL, Clerk of the Standing Committee.

Which being read was united with by the meeting, and the following Friends appointed to propose names to constitute said committee on education, as follows: James Peele, Jeptha White, John Allen, Alexander Clark, Charles Pidgeon, Aaron Mendenhall, Cogdel D. Massey, Thomas Cox, John Hackney, Thomas Jones, Abel Coffin, John Carter, Ezra Hammond, Jesse Henly, Thomas Benbow, Aa-

ron Hammer, Stephen Hinshaw, Needham T. Perkins, Nathan Craven and William Hockett.

The Clerks produced a summary founded upon the reports from the several Quarterly Meetings on the subject of intoxicating liquors as follows:

Summary Answer on Intoxicating Liqaors.

	No. members.		No. who use it.
Eastern Quarter	280		60
Western "	350		45
New Garden "	184		18
Contentnea "	97		20
Lost Creek "	246	(12 not enquired of)	21
Deep River "	432		18
Southern "	442	(13 not enquired of)	42
Total	2031		224

From which it appears that out of the 2031 members enquired of, 224 are not entirely clear of the use of intoxicating liquors.

At the reading of which the meeting was introduced into exercise and concern for the preservation of our religious Society from the use of this pernicious article. Much counsel and advice from concerned Friends were imparted, not only bringing to view the evil consequences resulting from its use, together with the salutary influence that a faithful maintenance of our testimony against the use of so destructive an article could not fail to produce. The Quarterly and Monthly Meetings were directed to continue their labor of love among our members for its entire extinction from amongst us as a drink, and report to next Yearly Meeting the number, both male and female, of 18 years of age and over, distinguishing between the number who use it and those who use it not.

The Clerks produced to this meeting a minute embracing to some extent the exercise, concern and labor bestowed during the consideration of the state of Society, which is as follows:

The attendance of meetings for worship and for discipline was felt to be one of the first importance; for, how can we expect to be received or acknowledged as servants of the living God, unless we are willing to serve Him whom alone we are to worship and to obey? Parents were very feelingly advised not only to attend meetings themselves, but to bring their offspring with them; that their tender minds may be early impressed with a love of Divine Goodness. Samuel would not set down to the feast until the lad who was keeping his father's sheep was come; and so it may be with us in our assemblies—the anointing spirit may be poured forth upon the hearts of those to whom we may be accustomed to think, it matters little, whether they attend meeting or remain at their usual employ.

Our dwelling in love and unity has been felt to be very precious; and it has been a cause of rejoicing to us, that Friends are mostly living up to this important study.—This is the true badge of disciple-

ship; by this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, that ye have love one towards another. How can a man love God whom he hath not seen, and hate his brother whom he hath seen?

The importance of Friends adhereing to plainness and moderation in every respect was deeply felt—this being a mark by which others judge of our sincerity in the truth. And Friends were advised and cautioned to be very careful and watchful over their conduct conversation and intercourse with men, that nothing therein may be found to tarnish, or lower the high profession we are making to the world; but, that every word, deed and action should express that we are the humble followers of that which we profess to be led and guided by. It appears by the reports from the quarters, that there still exists a deficiency in the right tuition of children which was cause of deep exercise and labor and parents were advised, often to collect their families together for the purpose of reading the Holy Scriptures and the writings of early Friends, and for explaining to them the goodness and mercies of our Creator. The tender mind was compared to soft wax: the parent holds the stamp to make an impress for good or for evil. And let those who may think themselves poor and unworthy to attend to so solemn and important a duty, remember that it is said if any man lack wisdom let him ask of the Lord who giveth liberally and upbraideth none. And, that they who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.

A deep solicitude was expressed that our testimonies against slavery, war, and a hireling ministry might be faithfully maintained, and that Friends, and more especially the younger part of society would inform themselves by reading the writings of our forefathers in the truth, and the early history of Friends; of the sufferings of this people for their testimony against a hireling ministry; and not, in this time of ease fall into a state of carelessness or indifference on this subject of such vital importance in the Church of Christ.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting,

AARON STALKER, Clerk to the meeting.

ABIGAIL H. STANLEY, Clerk to the women's meeting."

Of which the meeting approved, and directs that it be forwarded to the quarterly, monthly and preparative meetings as a minute of advice.

The trustees of the Boarding School propose that John Russel, of New Garden Quarter, be appointed one of their number to supply the vacancy occasioned by the removal of Joshua Foster.—That James Woody, from the same quarter, be appointed to fill the vacancy occasioned by the removal of John M. Clark. That Jonathan Harris, from Deepriver Quarter, be appointed to supply the vacancy occasioned by the removal of Elias Elliott. And that Nathan B. Hill, from the Southern Quarter, be appointed in the place of Samuel Hill whose term of service had expired. All of which was approved by the meeting and the Friends accordingly appointed members of the School Committee as therein proposed.

This meeting was informed that there was two vacancies in the

standing Committee. Nixon Henley, Thomas Jones, Joseph Newlin, John Hackney and Thomas Jones, from Southern quarter, were appointed to propose to next sitting the names of some Friends to fill said vacancies.

The minutes of the meeting for sufferings were produced and read, exhibiting the labors of that body for the past year, which was satisfactory to this meeting and the Clerk accordingly directed to sign them on behalf of the meeting.

There was received through the meeting for sufferings a memorial from Holly Spring monthly meeting concerning Enoch Barker, deceased, endorsed by the Southern quarterly meeting and the meeting for sufferings, which was read in this meeting and by it approved and directed to be recorded in the Book of memorials.

This meeting solemly adjourns until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock.

Sixth day morning, 9th of the 11th mo.

Friends met near the time adjourned to.

The Trustees of the Boarding School made a report exhibiting the condition of that institution, which report was satisfactory to the meeting and is as follows:

Thirteenth Annual Report of the Trustees of New Garden Boarding School.

We find the average number of pupils through the year has been $37\frac{1}{4}$, and of this number $9\frac{3}{4}$ have been day scholars. The health of the family has been generally good, and the order of the school has been in a good degree observed.

The financial condition of the school may be understood from the following statement:

	Last year.	This year.
Amount due the school,	$2148.20	$2642,38*
Cash on hand,	90.00	46.50
Provisions on hand,	252.40	265.32
Goods and books,	1264.25	858.00
	3754.85	3812.20
		3754.85
Showing a surplus over last year of		$57.35

	Last year.	This year.
Debts against the school,	$4125.70	$4195.99*
		4125.70
Showing an increase of debt of		$70.29

*Since this report was read in the Yearly Meeting, it has come to the knowledge of the Committee that an appropriation was made from the Charity Fund, &c., to some who have since assumed the payment thereof. Taking this into the account, it will appear that the school has a few dollars surplus on the transactions of the year. It is also proper to state that a part of the expenses was for furniture, a horse, &c.

From this take the above surplus,	57.35
Showing that the school fell behind on the transactions of last year,	12.94

By comparing this with the report of last year, it will be seen that the pecuniary condition of the school is nearly the same as it was last year. In order to give as satisfactory a statement as possible, the Trustees have made an estimate of all the property belonging to the Institution.

They value the real property at	$6000
Other property,	2320
	$8320
From the above statement then, it appears that the school is in debt	$4195.99
To meet this it has due it in goods and books,	3812.20
Leaving a balance of	$383.79
Add to this, of bad debts,	200.00
And it shows that the permanent property is involved to the amount of	583.79

The Committee on Superintendants not being ready to report, the Trustees appoint Nereus Mendenhall to act as Superintendant of the Boarding School, and Aletha Coffin to assist him, until others can be procured.

All of which we submit to the meeting.

11th mo., 9th, 1849. JOSEPH NEWLIN, Clk.

Also received the 4th annual report of the Standing Committee as follows:

The 4th Annual Report of the Standing Committee.

To the Yearly Meeting: We, the Committee, have met and conferred with the Trustees from time to time, and have examined their books and the condition of the School, and are of united opinion that the Trustees are endeavoring to discharge their duties, which are very laborious, in promoting the interest of the Institution; we therefore, have nothing to offer or propose to the Meeting at this time. 11th mo., 9th, 1849.

NATHAN CRAVEN, Clk.

Which being read was approved by the meeting.

The subject of continuing the Committee appointed last Yearly meeting to attend the Baltimore Conference coming before the meeting, was after a time of weighty deliberation united with, and they were accordingly continued for further service if way should open for it, and to act in concert with similar Committees who may be continued or appointed for that purpose.

And the Clerk was directed to furnish said Committee with a copy of the foregoing minute.

The Committee appointed at a former sitting to propose names

to fill the vacancies in the Standing Committee, propose that John Hackney, Jr., from Lost Creek quarter, and Nixon Henley, from the Southern quarter, be appointed members of said Committee, which proposition was satisfactory to the meeting and the Friends accordingly appointed as therein proposed.

The Committee appointed yesterday to propose to this meeting the names of some suitable Friends, two males and two females in each of the monthly meetings in this Yearly meeting, to compose a general Committee on education, report that they have consulted together and have agreed to propose the following:

The Committee appointed yesterday to bring forward to this sitting the names of four suitable friends from each of the Monthly Meetngs of this Yearly Meeting—two each of males and females—to act as a Committee on Education, have consulted together and agreed to propose the following for that service:

Eastern Quarter.

Symon's Creek Monthly Meeting—James R. Parker, William Elliott, Margaret A. Parker, Isabella Wilson.

Piney Woods—J. R. Winslow, William Nicholson, Julia White, Martha Cannon.

Rich Square—Jonathan E. Cox, Isaac Parker, Lydia Parker, Elizabeth Cox.

Western Quarter.

Cane Creek—Alexander Clark, Isham Cox, Anna Clark, Asenath Stout.

Spring—Alfred Lindley, Paris S. Benbow, Mary Woody, Mary Lindley.

Centre—Joshua Stanly, Thomas Hodgin, Susannah Hockett, Abigail H. Stanly.

Lost Creek Quarter.

New Hope—Aaron Hammer, Daniel Beals, Asenath Ellis, Mary Hammer.

Lost Creek—William H. Morgan, Isaac Jones, Catharine Morgan, Sarah Beals.

Newberry—David Morgan, Jonathan Jones, Jane Kennedy, Phebe Hackney.

Southern Quarter.

Back Creek—Nathan B. Hill, Jesse Henly, Eliza L. Hill, Rachel Henly.

Marlborough—Joseph Farlow, Nathan F. Spencer, Alice Stalker, Louisa Clark.

Holly Spring—Nicholas Barker, Nathan Craven, Catharine Barker, Nancy Cox.

New Garden Quarter.

New Garden—John B. Hubbard, Aaron Mendenhall, Aletha Coffin, Hannah Mendenhall.

Dover—Reuben Starbuck, Charles Pidgeon, Rachel Starbuck Catharine Pidgeon.

Contentnea Quarter.

Neuse—Thomas B. Cox, Cogdel D. Massey, Polly Massey, Mahetabel Cox.

Contentnea—Needham T. Perkins, John B. Perkins, Sally W. Perkins, Miriam Davis.

Deep River Quarter.

Deep River—Nereus Mendenhall, Jonathan Harris, Delphina Mendenhall, Penelope Gardner.

Springfield—David Marshall, William G. Johnson, Zelinda Marshall, Beulah M. Carter.

Deep Creek—William Talbert, William Dobbins, jun., Ann Benbow, Rebecca Dobbins.

The foregoing proposition being read was united with by the meeting and the Committees accordingly appointed as therein proposed, and encouraged to attend to the subject and report to next Yearly meeting.

The Committee appointed at the first sitting of this meeting to settle with the several Treasurers accountable to this meeting made the following report:

We the Committee appointed to settle with the Treasurers of this Meeting, report that we find in the hands of William Hocket, Western Treasurer, $48.29½

In the hands of Josiah T. White, Eastern Treasurer, 19.50

In the hands of Aaron Hammer, Lost Creek Treasurer, 10.00

Also find a balance due from New Garden Quarter, 4.00

$81.79½

We propose the sum of $300 to be raised to augment the Yearly Meeting stock, apportioned as follows:

Eastern Quarter,	$53.00
Western Quarter,	50.00
New Garden,	30.00
Contentnea,	29.00
Lost Creek,	23.00
Deep River,	56.00
Southern Quarter,	59.00
	$300.00

We propose William Hockett for Western Treasurer.

" Josiah T. White for Eastern "

" Aaron Hammer for Lost Creek, "

We find in hands of the Committee in charge of the Charitable Fund, at interest, $1048.94

In hands of the Committee in charge of the Common Fund, at interest, 1293.41

All of which we submit. On behalf of the Committee,

11th mo. 9th, 1849. JOHN NEWLIN.

All of which is satisfactory to the meeting, the treasurers accordingly appointed, and the $300, as apportioned among the quarters directed to be raised and paid over to this meeting's treasurer.

The following memorial was presented to this meeting through a Committee from the meeting for sufferings, which being read and deliberately considered was united with by the meeting, and the Clerk directed to sign it on behalf of the same, and Nereus Mendenhall appointed to assist him in transcribeing and forwarding said memorial to the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, which is as follows.

From the Yearly Meeting of Friends in North Carolina:

To the President and his Cabinet, the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled:

The memorial and petition of the undersigned respectfuliy sheweth,—That in common with other citizens of this Republic they claim to feel a deep interest in the welfare and prosperity of our beloved country, and for the happiuess of all classes of its inhabitants, desiring that mercy, grace and truth may be multiplied and increase among us.

Your memorialists have ever believed that all carnal war, cruelty and oppression are diametrically opposed to the christian religion as taught and exemplified by our blessed Lord and his apostles and the primitive christians. The angelic anthem announcing the advent of our holy Redeemer personally on earth, was, "glory to God in the highest, and on earth *Peace*, and good will among men." And he declared, himself, "that he came not to destroy men's lives, but to save them. And it was predicted by the inspired prophets that in the latter days "the Lord himself should judge among the nations and should rebuke strong people, and they should beat their swords into plough-shares and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, nor learn war any more."

Now, in order to facilitate and hasten the coming of this glorious day, we earnestly petition our Government to make overtures or propositions to foreign Governments, to substitute the Peace policy instead of the War policy. This can be done through our ministers or ambassadors to every Government with whom we reciprocate embassies. Were all nations to adopt pacific policy and principles, the increased amount of human happiness would be almost incalculable.

We have felt our hearts and minds animated and cheered by the proceedings of the Peace Congress of Nations recently held in Paris, indicating they were imbued with pacific principles, and we desire our rulers and our people may become imbued with the same.

Your memorialists further sheweth, that they believe themselves conscientiously constrained to bear their testimony against the unrighteous system of slavery; many of them have made pecuniary sacrifices to obtain a quiet conscience. And they respectfully ask

Congress to take the subject under deliberation, and legislate for its amelioration, or extinction, as far as they constitutionally can. For we believe it to be anti-christian in practice, inasmuch as it is at variance with the Divine precept of "doing to others as we would they should do to us." We believe it to be anti-republican, because it does not accord with the Declaration of American Independence—with that self-evident truth, that all men are created equal, and endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, &c.

And we suggest for your consideration, the propriety of our government acknowledging the independence and nationality of the republic of Liberia, and extending to her the same comity as other nations.

Your memorialists and petitioners desire that you may be guided and influenced in your legislation by that wisdom which is profitable to direct—which is first pure, then peaceable, gentle and easy to be entreated.

Signed by direction of North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends, held at New Garden, from the 5th to the 9th of the 11th mo. 1849.

The Committee appointed at a former sitting to prepare suitable returning minutes for Friends now in attendance from other Yearly meetings, produced the following which were satisfactory to the meeting and the Clerk directed to sign them on behalf of the same.

Our esteemed Friend Sybil Jones acceptably attended this meeting and produced a copy of a minute of unity and concurence from China monthly meeting of Friends dated the 16th of the 10th mo. 1849, whose company and Gospel labors have been satisfactory to us.

Our esteemed Friend Eli Jones, in company with his wife Sybil Jones, acceptably attended this meeting whose company and labors of love have been satisfactory to us.

Our esteemed Friend John A. Balderston acceptably attended this meeting and produced a minute of unity and concurence from Nottingham and Little Brittain monthly meeting of Friends held 6th of the 10th mo. 1849, whose company and labors of love have been satisfactory to us.

Our esteemed friend Lydia R. Kelly acceptably attended this meeting and produced a certificate of unity and concurrence from Smithfield monthly meeting of Friends held 26th of the 7th mo. 1848, endorsed by Smithfield quarterly meeting held the 9th of the 8th mo. 1849, whose company and labors of love have been satisfactory to us.

Our esteemed friend Ruth H. Baker acceptably attended this meeting with a certificate of unity and concurrence from Sandwich monthly meeting of Friends held the 7th of the 9th mo. 1849, endorsed by Sandwich quarterly meeting held the 4th of the 10th mo. 1849.

Our esteemed Friend William J. Howland assistant campanion

to Lydia R. Kelly and Ruth Baker acceptably attended this meeting, whose company and orderly deportment have been satisfactory to us.

Our esteemed Friend Rebecca Collins acceptably attended this meeting and produced a minute of unity and concurrence from a monthly meeting of Philadelphia for the western district dated 10th mo. 17th, 1849, whose company and labors of love have been satisfactory to us.

Also our esteemed Friend Hannah Beesl ycompanion to Rebecca Collins acceptably attended this meeting and produced a copy of minute of unity and concurrence from a monthly meeting of Friends of Philadelphia for the western districtda ted 10th mo. 17th, 1849, whose company and orderly deportment was satisfactory to us.

Our esteemed friend Elizabeth Pitfield acceptably attended this meeting and produced a copy of a minute of unity and concurrence from a monthly meeting of Friends of Philadelphia for the northern district held 10th mo. 23d, 1849, whose company and labors of love have been satisfactory to us.

Our esteemed friend Sarah Hillman acceptably attended this meeting and produced a minute of unity and concurrence from a monthly meeting of Friends of Philadelphia for the northern district held 10th mo. 23d, 1849, whose company and labors of love have been satisfactory to us.

Our esteemed friend Phebe Kinsey, companion to Elizabeth Pitfield and Sarah Hillman acceptably attended this meeting and produced a copy of minute of unity and concurrence from Frankford monthly meeting of Friends held 30th of the 10th mo. 1849, whose company and orderly deporment have been satisfactory to us.

Our esteemed friend Horatio C. Wood assistant companion to Elizabeth Pitfield and Sarah Hillman acceptably attended this meeting and produced a minute af unity and concurrence from a monthly meeting of Friends of Philadelphia for the northern district held 10th mo. 23d, 1849, whose company and orderly deportment have been satisfactory to us.

Our esteemed friend Sarah M. Hiatt acceptably attended this meeting and produced a certificate of unity and concurrence from Spiceland monthly meeting of Friends held 8th mo. 22d, 1849, endorsed by Spiceland quarterly meeting held in Henry County State of Indiana the 8th of the 9th mo. 1849, whose company and labors of love have been satisfactory to us.

Our esteemed friend Rebecca H. Jinks companion to Sarah M. Hiatt acceptably attended this meeting and produced a minute of unity and concurence from Union monthly meeting of Friends held in the State of Ohio the 17th of the 10th mo. 1849, whose company and orderly deportment have been satisfactory to us.

Our esteemed friend Rice Price assistant companion to Sarah M. Hiatt and Rebecca H. Jinks acceptably attended this meeting and produced a copy of minute from Duck Creek monthly meeting of

Friends held in Henry County Indiana the 20th of the 9th mo. 1849, whose company and orderly deportment have been satisfactory to us.

The Committee appointed at the first sitting to have 1500 copies of the London General epistle reprinted have produced them as directed. The representatives are requested to meet at the rise of the meeting and apportion them among the quarterly meetings.

The Committee appointed at a former sitting to essay epistles of correspondence to the several Yearly meetings of Friends, have produced them, which after being read and considered was united with by the meeting, and Nereus Mendenhall, Nathan B. Hill and Joseph Newlin were appointed to assist the Clerks in correcting and transcribing them and forwarding them to their several places of distination.

The Committee appointed last Yearly meeting, to solicit subscriptions in aid of the boarding school, stated that they have received notes within the limits of the Eastern quarterly meeting amounting to the payment of four dollars anually for the term of ten years to the common fund and three dollars annually for the same term to the charity fund, and six dollars in money which was directed to be paid to the Treasurer of the common fund.

The Clerk with the assistance of Nereus Mendenhall, Nathan B. Hill, Joseph Newlin and Jonathan Harris were directed to have 1500 copies of the minutes of the meeting printed for distribution among our members, and to draw on the treasurer of this meeting for money to defray the expense, and forward them to the quarterly meetings.

And the meeting having finished its business and in harmony and brotherly love, brought its various deliberations to a close, solemly concludes to meet again at the usual time next year if the Lord permit.

MINUTES

OF

NORTH CAROLINA YEARLY MEETING,

HELD AT NEW GARDEN FROM THE 4TH TO THE 8TH OF THE 11TH MO., 1850.

At North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends, commenced at New Garden the 4th of the 11th mo., 1850. The representatives from the different quarterly meetings being called, were as follows:

From the Eastern Quarter, Josiah Nicholson, Joseph Parker, David White, Thomas D. White, William O. White, and Thos. Newby.

Western Quarter, Charles Stuart, Paris S. Benbow, Thomas Hodgin, John Thompson, Joshua Lindley, John Hocket, Miles Hobson and Jabez Hodgin.

New Garden Quarter, James Woody, Stephen Macy, John Russel, Reuben Starbuck, Richard Stanley, James Rayle and Charles Pidgeon, Jr.

Contentnea Quarter, Joseph Boswell, Isaac H. Cox, Lazarus Pearson, Calvin G. Perkins and William Edgerton, Jr.

Lost Creek Quarter, Jacob Ellis, Daniel Beales, and John Hammer.

Deep River Quarter, Amos Stuart, Mahlon Hocket, Winslow Davis, Abel Coffin, Joshua Anderson, Aaron Elliott, William Tolbert, Joshua Bond, John Hodson, and Joseph T. Johnson.

Southern Quarter, Jesse Henley, Joseph Newlin, William Hammond, William Clark, Nicholas Barker, and Joseph Cox—all of whom were present except William Tolbert and Joseph Cox, for whose absence sufficient reasons were given.

This meeting appoints Abel Coffin and Isham Cox messengers to the women's meeting.

This meeting received a copy of the printed and written epistles from London, together with one from Dublin for the year 1849 and 1850; also one from each of the Yearly Meetings of Friends on this continent, all of which were read: the counsel and sympathy so feelingly expressed on the present occasion has again brought our remembrance in which we can adopt the language of Holy Writ, that one is our master even Christ, and that all we are brethren, and renewedly confirmed us in the belief that this mode of epistolary correspondence between the different Yearly Meetings as it is thus maintained will continue to prove a blessing to us as a religious society.

John Russel and James Woody were appointed to procure the reprint of 1500 copies of the London general epistle, and produce them to a future sitting; also to draw on the treasurer of this meeting for money to defray the expense.

The following Friends were appointed a committee to prepare as way may open essays of epistles of correspondence to the several Yearly Meetings of Friends and produce them to a future sitting: David White, Joseph Parker, Josiah Nicholson, William Hocket, James Woody, Thomas Hodgin, Isham Cox, Paris S. Benbow, John Thompson, John R. Hubbard, John Wilson, Reuben Starbuck, Nathan H. Clark, Thomas Kennedy, Joseph Boswell, William Edgerton, Jr., Lazarus Pearson, Isaac Cox, Daniel Beales, John Hammer, Jacob Ellis, Amos Stuart, Jonathan Harris, Elihu E. Mendenhall, John Carter, Mahlon Hocket, William G. Johnson, Aaron Elliott, John Hodson, William Dobbins, Eznee Hammond, William Clark, Joseph Newlin, Nathan Craven, Nathan B. Hill, Nicholas Barker, Seth Barker, Calvin Perkins, William O White, Nathaniel Woody, Jose Hobson, Dougan Clark, Jr., and Miles Hobson.

Copies of minutes were read in this meeting for Samuel Boyd Toby and his companion Gilbert Congdon, a certificate for John Barker and his companion William Wilkinson, also for Anna Thornburgh and her husband Joel Thornburgh.

John Carter, Joseph Newlin, Jonathan Harris, Thomas Kennedy, Thomas Starbuck, and Paris S. Benbow, were appointed to prepare as way may open suitable returning minutes for Friends now in attendance from other Yearly Meetings and produce them to a future sitting.

This meeting appoints the following Friends a committee to settle with the several treasurers accountable to this meeting and to propose what sum will be necessary to be raised to augment the stock, apportion the same among the quarterly meetings, propose suitable Friends for treasurers, and report to a future sitting: David White, Josiah Nicholson, Jonathan Harris, Aaron Elliott, Paris S. Benbow, Nathan H. Clark, John Russel, Reuben Starbuck, Jacob Ellis, Calvin G. Perkins, Thomas Kennedy, Nathan B. Hill, Jesse Henley, and Aaron Hill.

John Russel, David Beard, Jesse Swain and John Carter were appointed to attend to the orderly sitting of this meeting from day to day and to see that it is kept select.

The following proposition was received from New Garden Quarterly Meeting:

New Garden Quarterly Meeting proposes to erase the words

"Members of the Federal and State Legislature," under the head "Civil Government" in our discipline, page 15.

Extracted from the minutes of New Garden Quarterly Meeting, held 13th of the 6th mo., 1850.

JAMES WOODY, Clerk.

Which after being read and considered was referred to David White, John Carter, Thomas Newby, Isham Cox, William Hockett, Charles Benbow, John Wilson, Lazarus Pearson, Thomas Kennedy, Jacob Ellis, Daniel Beales, Aaron Elliott, Ezree Hammond, Joseph Newlin, Amos Stuart, Jonathan Harris and Joshua Stanley, with direction that they weightily consider the subject and report their judgment thereon to a future sitting.

The Quarterly Meetings severally produced the answers to the queries, the Clerks were directed to prepare a summary from them, and produce it to the meeting to-morrow.

The representatives were directed to confer together at the rise of the present sitting and propose to the meeting to-morrow some Friend for Clerk and for assistant Clerks.

And the meeting adjourns to meet again to-morrow 11 o'clock A. M.

5th of the 11th mo., Friends met near the time adjourned to.

Abel Coffin on behalf of the representatives reported that they had conferred together and were united in proposing Aaron Stalker for Clerk, which is approved by the meeting, and he is accordingly appointed. They further report that they are united in proposing David Marshall and Nathan B. Hill for assistant Clerks, all of which is satisfactory to the meeting, and they were accordingly appointed to that service.

This meeting received an epistle addressed by the Yearly Meeting of Friends in London to its junior members, which was read in this meeting. The salutary and pertinent counsel and advice therein contained, so suitably adapted to the situation of youth, was satisfactory to Friends; and desires were feelingly expressed that it might be weightily considered by this interesting class of our members, and have the desired effect: and A. Coffin, Zimri Stuart, Hugh W. Dickson, Elisha Barker, Calvin G. Perkins, Nathan H. Clark, Jesse M. Henly, William P. Mendenhall, Benjamin Anderson, Rufus White, Harper Stuart, and George Pearce were appointed to solicit subscriptions among the youth now in attendance at this meeting, for the purpose of having said epistle re-printed, and report to a future sitting.

The Clerks informed the meeting that they had prepared a summary from the answers to the Queries, which is as follows:

SUMMARY ANSWERS TO THE QUERIES FOR 1850.

Answer 1. Meetings for worship and discipline duly attended by most Friends in four of the Quarters, with the exception in one of them of one preparative and one particular meeting, in which it is said some slackness appears; the other three say that meetings for worship and discipline are duly attended by some friends. Some complaint in all of the Quarters in regard to the attendance of meetings, especially those held near the middle of the week; some care taken in all of them except one; the hour nearly observed, and unbecoming behavior said to be guarded against.

Ans. 2. Love and unity subsist in a good degree amongst Friends throughout all the Quarterly Meetings, though a few instances of disunity seem to exist in several of them, in most of which care is said to be taken;—tale-bearing and detraction said to be discouraged in all the Quarters; endeavors used to end differences when any appear, and the rules of discipline mostly put in practice.

Ans. 3. Plainness and moderation kept to by most Friends throughout all the Quarterly Meetings, although some deviation is alluded to from all of the Quarters but two; and some complaint from one Quarter in regard to immoderate conduct—three of the Quarters express a care in these respects; most Friends appear concerned to train up their children in the principles of our religious profession, to reading the Holy Scriptures, and to use some restraints for their preservation, though there appears to be some lack in this most important duty in most of the Quarters, in one of which there is said to be an evident lack in some members.

Ans. 4. No complaint in the several heads of that Query, except the unnecessary use of intoxicating liquors, other than as a medicine, by some of our members in all of the Quarters; one instance of distilling in one Quarter, and a few of frequenting of a tavern in another.

Ans. 5. Friends appear to bear a testimony against war throughout all the Quarterly Meetings except some instances in one of attending places of musters; also against an hireling ministry, except some complaint from most of our quarters in regard to a few of our members attending meetings where persons are said to officiate for hire—care said to be taken in one of the quarters.

Ans. 6. None held as slaves so as to prevent them from the benefit of their labor, the legal title of a few held under peculiar circumstances—two instances of hiring slaves from their owners and one of being accessary thereto, which are under notice—no complaint of ill treatment but more care to encourage them in virtuous life is thought to be necessary by one of the quarters.

Ans. 7. No complaint in the several heads of that query except some lack of fulfilling engagements in one quarter, in which case care is said to be taken; and not so clear in another in the latter part of the query as is desired.

Ans. 8. The necessities of the poor relieved, and care taken in the other part of that query.

Ans. 9. No law-suit amongst us.

The advices appear to have been read as directed in all of the Quarters, and are said to be either in some or in a good degree attended to, although a fear is expressed by one quarter that the advices are not sufficiently observed.

At the reading of which the consideration of the state of society took place; much exercise and concern were felt on account of the many departures from the principles and testimonies of our religious society by some of our members. And several impressive testimonies were delivered, the lukewarm and careless were admonished, and all classes were encouraged to devote more unreservedly their time and talents unto him who has declared "my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

The Clerks were directed to prepare a minute embracing the concern, and labor bestowed on the occasion, and produce it to a future sitting.

The Clerks were directed to prepare a summary from the reports from the several Quarterly Meetings on the subject of spirituous liquors, and produce it to a future sitting.

And the meeting adjourns to meet again on fifth day next, at 11 o'clock in the morning.

The 7th of the 11th mo. The meeting met over the time adjourned to.

A testimony was received from the Springfield Monthly Meeting and approved by Deep River Quarterly Meeting for Sufferings, concerning Mahlon Hocket deceased, which was read in this meeting, and by it approved and directed to be recorded in the Book of Memorials.

The Clerks produced the following summary in regard to the use of intoxicating liquors among our members in the several Quarterly Meetings, which was read as follows:

Within the limits of the Eastern Quarter there are 288 members over eighteen years of age; 66 of their number use intoxicating liquors to some extent, other than as a medicine.

Within the limits of the Western Quarter there are 340 members over 18 years of age, and 34 of that number use intoxicating liquors other than when administered as a medicine.

Within the limits of New Garden Quarter there are 193 members over 18 years of age, and 15 of that number use intoxicating liquors other than when taken as a medicine.

Within the limits of Contentnea Quarter there are 54 members over 18 years of age, and 11 of that number use spirituous liquors otherwise than when administed as a medicine.

Within the limits of Lost Creek Quarterly Meeting there are 236 members

over 18 years of age; 6 of that number use intoxicating liquors other than when taken as a medicine, and 3 not enquired of.

Within the limits of Deep River quarter there are 414 members over 18 years of age, and 18 of that number use intoxicating liquors other than as a medicine.

Within the limits of the Southern Quarter there are 421 members over 18 year of age; 29 of that number use intoxicating liquors other than when taken as a medicine, and 24 not enquired of.

From the foregoing statement it appears that out of 1946 members over 18 years of age, reported from the different quarters, 1744 are clear of the use of intoxicating liquors, otherwise than when taken as a medicine; and that there are 34 not enquired of. The meeting being thus introduced into exercise and concern that all our members every where within the limits of this Yearly Meeting might be preserved from the baneful influence of an article so productive of evil among the human race, and in order that we may become entirely disentangled therefrom, Friends were very feelingly advised to "Touch not, taste not, handle not, the unclean thing." Quarterly and Monthly Meetings were directed to labor in meekness and love with those who still continue its use, and report to next Yearly Meeting agreeable to the direction of last year.

The committee appointed at the first sitting of this meeting, to whom was refered the proposition from New Garden quarter, report as follows:

We, the committee appointed to consider the proposition from New Garden Quarter, to alter the Discipline as therein proposed, have given the subject our deliberate and solid consideration, and are of opinion that it is unnecessary and inexpedient to make any change in the Discipline on that subject at the present time. Which are submitted to the meeting. DAVID WHITE,

11th month 5th, 1850. On behalf of the Committee.

The foregoing report after being read and considered was united with by the meeting.

The committee appointed at a former sitting of this meeting to settle with the different treasurers accountable to the meeting report as follows:

We. the committee appointed to settle with the treasurers of this meeting, report that we find that William Hockett, Western treasurer, has advanced $18,48½ more than he has received. In the hands of Josiah T. White, Eastern treasurer $18,50. In the hands of Aaron Hammer, Lost Creek treasurer $10,00.

We propose the sum of $300,00 to be raised to augment the Yearly Meeting's stock, to be apportioned as follows among the Quarterly Meetings:

Eastern Quarter . . .	$53.00	Lost Creek Quarter . .	$23.00
Western " . . .	50.00	Deep River " . . .	59.00
New Garden " . . .	27.00	Southern " . . .	59.00
Contentnea " . . .	29.00		

We propose William Hockett for Western treasurer, Josiah T. White for Eastern, and Aaron Hammer for Lost Creek.

They further report that they find in the hands of Allen U. Tomlinson, Treasurer of the permanent Charity Fund, $1048.94 at interest. In the hands of Joseph Newlin, Treasurer of the Common Fund, $1293.41 at interest. All of which we submit to the meeting. Signed on behalf of the Committee,

11th mo. 7th, 1850. PARIS S. BENBOW.

All of which is approved by the meeting. The treasurers appointed as therein proposed, and the $300.00 as apportioned among the quarters, directed to be raised and paid over to the Yearly Meeting's treasurer.

The committee appointed last year, out of the several Monthly meetings constituting this Yearly Meeting, on the subject of education in general produced the following statistics and remarks:

That there are nine hundred and thirty-six children between the ages of five and sixteen, and three hundred and sixty-three between the ages of sixteen and and twenty-one.

The Yearly Meetings Boarding School has had of our members since last Yearly Meeting fifty-four. The Eastern Quarterly Meeting's Boarding School has had of their members since last year eighteen. There have been three first day morning schools taught by members of our society, to two of which there have gone twenty-five members. There are reported forty-one schools taught by members, and forty-nine taught by those that are not members, all of which are in a mixed state; nearly all the children of Friends are in the way of getting some education; one school of three months has been under the care of a Monthly Meeting.

We propose to the Yearly Meeting the propriety of the following questions being answered by the general committee on education, for the purpose of unison of action, to wit: How many children between the age of five and sixteen. How many between sixteen and twenty-one. How many have received education therein. How many during the past year. How many schools have been taught by female members of our society. How many by male members. How many schools taught by others to which Friends' children have gone.

All of which we submit to the meeting. On behalf of the Committee.

11th mo. 7th, 1850. PARIS S. BENBOW.

The foregoing report after being read and considered, was approved by the meeting, and the Committee continued for further service and encouraged to attend to the subject within the limits of the different monthly meetings, and to report to next Yearly Meeting. Also appoints Isaac Clark of New Garden Quarter a member of said committee in place of Aaron Mendenhall deceased, and further directs said committee when vacancies occur in their body to propose to the Yearly Meeting suitable friends to fill them.

This meeting received the 14th annual report of the trustees of New Garden Boarding School, which was read as follows:

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF NEW GARDEN BOARDING SCHOOL.

We find by the books of the Superintendent that there have been ninety-four students in the School since last Yearly Meeting, and that fifty-four of that number were members of our society; forty were not members, seventy-one were in school less than six months, and twenty less than three months, the average number being thirty-two, of which 9⅔ were day scholars and 22⅓ were boarders.

Good order has been pretty well maintained through the year, and the health of the family has been generally good.

The financial condition of the School is nearly shown by the following statements:

Amount of claims against the School including bonds, accounts, and interest, ...		$4,166 56
Amount due the School on good debts, including bonds, accounts, and interest, ...	$1,468 44	
Cash on hand, ...	43 00	
Provisions on hand, ...	73 02	
Goods and Books on hand, ...	241 60	
		1,826 06
Balance of debts above its available means, ...		$2,340 50

There is of doubtful debts due the School $310.00, some of which probably may be collected.

There has been received last year £40 sterling from friends in England as part pay for scholars in the School, also received $50 interest from Charity Fund, and $120 interest from Common, and $100 donation from a female friend in New Jersey, all of which we submit to the meeting.

11th mo. 7th, 1850. JOSEPH NEWLIN, Clerk.

of which report this meeting approves.

The standing committee appointed to confer with the trustees of the Boading School made the following report:

We, the Standing Committee, appointed to confer with the Trustees of New Garden Boarding School, report:

That after deliberating on the condition of the School and freely interchanging views, we are of opinion that the Yearly Meeting ought to have some decided action on the subject, believing as we do, that under the present system, the debt against us will continue to increase and the property of the Institution be swallowed up.

The Trustees have gone on from year to year under much embarrassment, until some of them have almost ceased to hope that the Yearly Meeting will support the School on its original ground; and the question seems to be resolved into this—Whether we shall have as good a school as we can under the circumstances, or have no school at all. Under the former view, we would pro, ose to

the Yearly Meeting, to extend the power of the Trustees, to leave with them the formation of the rules for the School, the regulation of the price of board and tuition, and all the terms of admission—providing that the officers of the School shall be approved members of our religious society, that Friends' children shall have the preference, that all donations be applied as heretofore, and that annual reports shall be laid before the Yearly Meeting.

CHARLES BENBOW,

11th mo. 7th, 1850. On behalf of the Committee.

Which was read and refered to the following committee, viz: David White, Thomas D. White, Josiah Nicholson, John Thompson, James Woody, Jeremiah Picket, Reuben Starbuck, Elihu Coffin, Nathan H. Clark, William Edgerton, Thomas Kennedy, Calvin G. Perkins, Jacob Ellis, Daniel Beales, David P. Moffitt, John Carter, Aaron Elliott, Elihu E. Mendenhall, Joseph Parker, Jesse Henley, Nicholas Barker, Aaron Hill, Daniel Barker, Samuel Hill, Joseph Dickson, Lazarus Pearson, and James Rayle, who were requested to weightily consider the subject and report their judgment thereon to the meeting to-morrow.

The minutes of the meeting for sufferings for the past year were produced and read in this meeting, by it approved and the Clerk directed to sign them on behalf of the same.

James Mendenhall informed this meeting that he requested to be released from acting as one of the trustees of the African fund, which request this meeting grants and releases him from that service.—Also appoints Aaron Elliott one of the trustees of said fund and directs James Mendenhall to pay over to him whatever funds are in his hands.

The subject of the committee of conference meeting in Baltimore on the 1st second day in the 5th mo. 1851, as suggested to us by the Yearly Meeting of New York, coming weightily before this meeting and after a time of deliberation thereon, was united with and the committee that was continued last Yearly Meeting are again continued with the addition of David White, and are directed to attend the same on behalf of this meeting, and draw on the treasurers for money to defray their expenses and report to next Yearly Meeting.

The Clerk is directed to furnish the committee with a copy of the foregoing minutes.

This meeting adjourns to meet again to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

11th mo. 8th. The meeting met near the time adjourned to.

The Clerk produced a minute to some extent embracing the exercise and labor bestowed in the meeting during the consideration

of the state of society, which after being read and considered was united with by the meeting and directed to be sent down to the subordinate meetings.

During the reading of the summary answers to the queries, the consideration of the state of society was entered into; much exercise and concern were felt on account of many departures from the principles and testimonies of our religious society; among the most prominent was the neglect of the attendance of our meetings by a number of our members. It was very feelingly brought to the view of this meeting that we should not be likely to experience a growth in the Truth, unless we faithfully perform this important duty with an eye single to the good of our own souls and for the promotion of the cause of Truth and righteousness in the earth, and it is thus a qualification is known for the support and maintainance of the various testimonies of our religious society in their fullness and a preparation of heart experienced to labor for the edification of the body in love.

The preservation of love and unity, that true badge of discipleship, was considered to be very precious, "For if a man love not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen;" and a strong solicitude was felt and expressed that we might all in our intercourse one with another and with the world exemplify by our conduct and conversation the injuction of the apostle, "Let brotherly love continue."

The testimony so long borne by our society against the changeable fashions and customs of the world, and to the necessity of plainness in dress, address, and moderation in all things, still continues to be unabated; parents and those having charge of youth were in an especial manner entreated to remember the responsibility that rests upon them to train up their children and those under their care in the "nurture and admonition of the Lord" to the frequent perusal of the holy scriptures, and in early life to instruct them in the principles of the christian religion and to imbue their minds with a due regard for the support of the testimonies peculiar to us as a religious society. May we all be encouraged and animated from the testimony left on record in holy writ by the wise king of Israel to the faithful performance of this important trust, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it."

Friends were in a weighty manner reminded that our safety and preservation as a religious society and the object of our labors would be best promoted, when acting in any way the object of which is the good of others, at all times to act from a sense of religious duty. And thus we believe friends would be preserved from human activity and from the leaven and disposition of the world and enabled practically to adopt the language, "To your tents O Israel."

Signed on behalf of North Carolina Yearly Meeting of friends, held at New Garden inq e 11th mo., 1850. AARON STALKER, } *Clerks*.
DELILAH REYNOLDS, }

The committee to whom was referred the report of the standing committee, made the following report:

That they had taken the subject into solid consideration, and were

united in recommending its adoption, which was satisfactory to the meeting, and was accordingly adopted, extending the power of the trustees as therein proposed. And said committee further report that they entered into a subscription among themselves for the purpose of extinguishing the debt against the school and subscribed the sum of $222 00, to which add $69,00, subscribed by the meeting, and $150.00 subscribed by the womens' meeting, makes the sum of $441.00 David White, Joash Reynolds, Jesse Swain, William Edgerton, John Hammer, Allen U. Tomlinson and Nathan B. Hill were appointed to collect the same in their respective Quarterly Meetings, hold out for further subscription and forward the same to James Woody, Treasurer for subscriptions in favor of the Boarding to be paid over to the trustees, to be by them applied towards discharging the debts against the school and report to next Yearly Meeting.

Quarterly Meetings are directed to appoint some suitable friends in each Monthly Meeting, endeavour to obtain further subscription in their respective meetings and to forward the same as above directed to be applied to the same purpose.

The committee appointed at a former sitting of this meeting to solicit subscription to procure the reprint of the Epistle addressed by London Yearly Meeting to its Junior members, report that they have received $18.29, said committee were directed to have as many coppies printed as that sum will pay for, and distribute them among the Quarterly Meetings.

The committee appointed at the 1st sitting of this meeting to prepare suitable returning minutes for Friends now in attendance from other Yearly Meetings produced the following. The Clerk was directed to sign them on behalf of the meeting. Our esteemed friend Samuel Boyd Toby acceptably attended this meeting and produced a copy of minutes of unity and concurrence from Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Rhode Island the 25th of the 9th mo. 1850, whose company and Gospel labors have been satisfactory and edifying.

Our esteemed friend Gilbert Congdon, companion to Samuel Boyd Toby, acceptably attended this meeting and produced a copy of minute of unity and concurrence from Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends, held in Rhode Island the 25th of the 9th mo., 1850, whose company and orderly deportment were satisfactory.

Our esteemed friend, John Barker, acceptably attended this meeting and produced a certificate of unity and concurrence from Westfield Monthly Meeting of Friends, held the 1st of the 8th mo. 1850,

endorsed by Union Quarterly Meeting held the 3rd of the 8th mo. 1850, whose company and Gospel labors have been satisfactory and edifying.

Our esteemed friend William Wilkinson, companion to John Barker, acceptably attended this meeting and produced a certificate of unity and concurrence from Richland Mothly Meeting of Friends held the 4th of the 9th mo. 1850, whose company and orderly deportment have been satisfactory to us.

Our esteemed friend, Anna Thornburgh, acceptebly attended this meeting and produced a certificate of unity and concurrence from Walnut Ridge Monthly Meeting of Friends, held the 17th of the 8th mo. 1850, Endorsed by Spiceland Quarterly Meeting held the 14th of the 9th mo. 1850, whose company and Gospel labors have been satisfactory and edifying.

Our esteemed friend Joel Thornburgh acceptably attended this meeting and produced a copy of minute of unity and concurrence from Walnut Ridge Monthly Meeting of Friends, held the 21st of the 9th mo. 1850, whose company and orderly deportment have been satisfactory to us.

The committee appointed at a former sitting to procure the reprint of the London General Epistle have produced them, the representatives were directed to take charge of them and apportion them among the Quarterly Meetings.

The committee appointed to essay epistles of correspondence to the several Yearly Meetings of Friends have produced them, which after being read, considered, and approved by the meeting, were referred to the Clerks to correct and transcribe, and the Clerks was directed to sign them on behalf of the meeting and forward them to their several places of address.

The Clerks were directed to have 1250 copies of the minutes of this meeting printed, and when done to apportion them among the quarters, and draw on the treasurer for money to defray the expense.

And the meeting having in harmony and brotherly love brought its various deliberations to a close, solemnly concludes to meet again at the usual time and place next year, if the Lord permit.

AARON STALKER,
Clerk to the meeting.

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MINUTES

OF

NORTH CAROLINA YEARLY MEETING

OF

FRIENDS

HELD AT

NEW GARDEN,

FROM THE 3D TO THE 7TH OF THE 11TH MO.

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MINUTES

Of North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends, held at New Garden from the 3d to the 7th of the 11th mo., 1851.

At North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends, held at New Garden the 3d day of the 11th mo., 1851.

From the reports from the several Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting:

FROM EASTERN QUARTER—David White Jr., Willlam Nicholson, Jeptha White, James Peelle, Joseph R. Parker, Benjamin Copeland, David White Sen., Thomas Peelle.

From Western Quarter—Nathaniel Woody, Joseph Kemp, Paris S. Benbow, William Hocket, William Stanton, Isham Cox, and Owen T. Lindley.

From New Garden Quarter—Stephen Macy, David Marshal, Joseph Thornburgh, Thomas Starbuck, Reuben Starbuck, and Thomas Benbow.

From Contentnea Quarter—Thomas Kennedy, Samuel Perkins, Micajah Cox, Needham T. Perkins, Calvin G. Perkins and John Hollowell

From Lost Creek Quarter—John Hackney Jr., David Morgan and Richard T. Jones.

From Deep River Quarter—John Hill, John Carter, William Garder, Daniel Vestal, Mahlon Hocket, Thomas Benbow, William Pope, Vinslow Davis and Benjamin Anderson.

From Southern Quarter—David V. Henley, Stephen Hinshaw, Nixon Henley, Jabaz Farlow, Jabaz Stalker, Aaron Hill and Elihu Barker: who, being called, were present, except William Nicholson, Thomas Kennedy and Jabaz Stalker, for the absence of whom sufficient reasons were given.

Certificates were read in this meeting for Lindley M. Hoag, a Minister from Sandwich Monthly Meeting, in the State of New Hampshire; for Thomas Wells, a Minister from Miami Monthly Meeting in Ohio; for William Binford a Minister from Walnut Ridge Monthly Meeting, India, and for Elias Bundy, his companion, from the same place; for Mary Pole, a Minister from Birmingham Monthly Meeting, Pennsylvania, and for Mary Passmore, her companion, from Goshen Monthly Meeting in the same State.

Charles Benbow and Isham Cox were appointed Messengers to convey all matters to the women's meeting.

This meeting has received and read the general and written epistles from the Yearly Meeting in London, together with one from Dublin, and

one from each of the Yearly Meetings of Friends on this continent. The Salutary counsel, sympathy, and important truths therein set forth, have been satisfactory and edifying to us, bringing our distant brethren feelingly to our remembrance, with desires that we may all be preserved in the faith, and be found building upon that foundation which alone standeth sure, even Christ Jesus the Rock of ages; and thus abiding in humility and in the divine fear, we shall be preserved as a religious Society, wherever situated, from every thing that would scatter or divide.

The following Friends were appointed to essay epistles of correspondence to each of the Yearly Meetings of Friends, and produce them to a future sitting:

Thomas Peelle, Joseph R. Parker, Paris S. Benbow, Jeremiah Picket, Jeptha White, David White Jr., Jonathan E. Cox, James Peelle, Joshua Stanley, James Woody, William Hocket, Isham Cox, Jose Hobson, Nathan H. Clark, Thomas Starbuck, Levi Buckingham, Charles Benbow, Elihu Coffin, James Rayle, John Russel, Micajah Cox, Needham T. Perkins, Calvin Perkins, Richard T. Jones, John Hackney, Abel Coffin, John Carter, Allen U. Tomlinson, Jonathan Harris, Mahlon Hocket, Lewis Walton, Elihu Mendenhall, William G. Johnson, Daniel Martin, William Clark, Daniel Barker, David Farlow, Nathan B. Hill, Joseph Newlin, Jabaz Farlow, Nathan Craven William Gardner, and D. Morgan.

John Russel and Joseph Wilson were appointed to procure the reprint of 1,500 copies of the London general epistle, produce them to a future sitting, and draw on the Treasury for the expense.

David White, Isham Cox, John Russel, Micajah Cox, Aaron Hammer, Jonathan Harris and Samuel Hill, were appointed to prepare as way may open suitable returning minutes for Friends now in attendance from other Yearly Meetings, and produce them to a future sitting.

Thomas Peele, Joseph R. Parker, Paris S. Benbow, Jeremiah Picket, Nathan H. Clark, Reuben Starbuck, John Hollowell, William Edgerton, David Morgan, John Hackney, Abel Coffin, Allen U. Tomlinson, Jonathan Harris, Nathan Craven and David V. Henley, were appointed to settle with the different Treasurers accountable to this meeting; also propose what sum will be necessary to be raised to augment the stock apportion the same among the Quarterly Meetings, propose names for Treasurers, and report to a future sitting.

The following proposition was received from the Eastern Quarterly Meeting:

At the Eastern Quarterly Meeting, held 30th 8th mo., 1851.

Received from Piny Woods Monthly Meeting the following extracts of its minutes:

"This meeting having experienced some difficulty in regard to the retaining in membership those who marry contrary to the Discipline, thinks proper to propose to the Quraterly Meeting the propriety of requesting the Yearly Meeting to make some alteration in that clause of the Discipline relative to our marrying out of Society;" which on deliberation, this meeting directs to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting, by addi

we feel desirous that there should be a greater uniformity of Discipline in other particulars by the different Yearly Meetings.

Taken from the minutes of the meeting above named.

JEPTHA WHITE, Clerk.

Which, after being read, was referred to the following committee: Amos Stuart, John Newlin, Aaron Elliott, Dougan Clark, Samuel Perkins, Jesse Henley, Samuel Hill, Aaron Stalker, James Peelle, David White, Joshua Stanley, John Carter, Elihu Coffin, Aaron Hill, William Thompson, Abel Coffin, Joseph Newlin, David Morgan, Nicholas Barker, John Bond, Aaron Hammer, Daniel Martin, Jeptha White, Mahlon Hocket, John Hackney, William Hocket, James woody, Benjamin Copeland and Nereus Mendenhall; who were directed to take the subject under their weighty and deliberate consideration, and report their judgment thereon to a future sitting.

Deep River Quarterly Meeting proposes to the Yearly Meeting the propriety of having the deaths and ages of Ministers and Elders reported to the Yearly Meeting; the subject, after claiming the consideration of the meeting, was referred to the committee last appointed, who are to report their judgment thereon to a future sitting.

The following proposition was received from New Garden Quarterly Meeting:

At the reading of the queries and answers this meeting was brought into deep feeling on the subject of Friends using the product of Slave Labor, and after a time of weighty deliberation thereon, it was thought best to lay the subject before the Yearly Meeting for its consideration.

Extract from the minutes of New Garden Quarterly Meeting, held 9th mo, 18th, 1851.

JOHN RUSSEL,
Clerk for the day.

The foregoing proposition, after being read and a free expression of sentiment thereon, was referred until next Yearly Meeting for further consideration.

The answers to the queries were produced from the several Quarterly Meetings. The clerks were directed to prepare a summary from them, and produce it to the Meeting to-morrow.

The representatives were directed to confer together at the rise of this sitting, and propose to the Meeting to-morrow some Friend to serve the Meeting as clerk, also two Friends for assistant clerks.

This Meeting solemnly adjourns to meet again to-morrow at 11 o'clock, A. M.

11th mo., 4th The Meeting met near the time adjourned to.

John Carter on behalf of the representatives presented the following report:

To the Yearly Meeting now sitting.

We the representatives from the several Quarterly Meetings have con-

ferred together and are united in proposing Aaron Stalker for clerk and Jeptha Wolte and Nathan B. Hill for assistant clerks, which we submit to the meeting.

11th mo., 4th, 1851.

JOHN CARTER,
On behalf of the representatives.

All of which were satisfactory to the Meeting, and the clerk and assistant clerks, appointed as therein proposed.

Nathan H Clark, Isaac Clark, John Russel, Joseph Wilson and Charles Starbuck were appointed to attend to the orderly sitting of this Meeting from day to day, during its several sittings.

The Clerks produced summary answers to the queries, which is as follows:

Answer 1st. Meetings for Worship and Discipline duly attended by most Friends in all of the Quarterly meetings, though there is some complaint from all the Quarters on the part of some Friends in the attendance of meetings held near the middle of the week; some care said to be taken in five of the Quarters—hour nearly observed. Unbecoming behaviour guarded against except in one of the Quarters. There is some complaint of drowsiness.

Answer 2nd. Love and unity preserved in a good degree by most Friends in all of the Quarters; some exceptions in three of the Quarterly meetings, in all of which cases care is taken. Tale-bearing and detraction discouraged—endeavors used to end differences when any appear. Some care taken to put the rules of Discipline in practice, except some complaint of slackness in one of the Quarters.

Answer 3d. Plainness and moderation pretty well kept to by most Friends, but some deviation in these respects in all of the Quarters; some care taken in all the Quarters except two: most Friends appear concerned to train up their children in the principles of our religious profession. To reading the Holy scriptures and use some restraints for their preservation: some complaint in two of the Quarters.

Answer 4th. The unnecessary use of spirituous liquors not sufficiently guarded against in most of the Quarterly meetings; one instance of drinking to excess in two of the Quarterly meetings; one of trading in two Quarters; and one of distilling; some care taken in three of the Quarters. Some complaint in one of the Quarters of attending places of diversion.

Answer 5th. Friends mostly bear a testimony against war; also an hireling Ministry: some complaint in two of the Quarters of attending musters, and in five of attedding where Ministers officiate for hire; some care taken in one Quarter.

Answer 6th. No complaint in the several heads of that query, except in one Quarter. The rights of some held, and two instances of hiring from their masters in another, which are under notice.

Answer 7th. No complaint, except in one instance of some Friends not fulfilling engagements, and not living in the bounds of circumstances.

Answer 8th. The necessities of the poor relieved and care taken for the education of their children. No cause of complaint in the other part, except in one instance.

Answer 9th. No lawsuits amongst us contrary to Discipline.

The advices were read and considered in all the Quarters, and said to be in some degree attended to.

During the reading of which, together with the answers from the Quarterly Meetings, the investigation of the state of society was entered into. The Meeting was introduced into exercise and concern for the preservation of all our members from every thing that would mar the beauty and excellence of the Christian religion as professed by Friends, and taught by our pious predecessors in the Truth, bringing fully to view the necessity of Friends abiding in humility and in the fear of the Lord, in order that they might from time to time know a renewal of qualification to enable them to support the principles and testimonies we as a religious society profess to bear to the World in their fullness, and thus a preparation of heart would be experienced to fill up our proper and alloted place in the Church in our day and generation to the honor of Truth and the peace of our own minds. And in order that our members may be made more fully acquainted with the exercise and concern of this Meeting, it was agreed to appoint Nereus Mendenhall, David White, John Carter, Allen U. Tomlinson, David Morgan, Jeremiah Picket, John Newlin, Wil. G. Johnson, Daniel Barker, to assist the clerks in preparing an epistle of advice to the subordinate Meetings and produce it to a future sitting.

This Meeting received information that several vacancies had occurred in the Meeting for Sufferings both by death and removals. Joshua Stanley, John Thompson, John Russel, Elihu Coffin, Amos Stuart, Jonathan Harris, John Hill, John Carter, Nixon Henley, Joseph Newlin and John Newlin were appointed to consider the subject and produce to a future sitting some suitable names to fill said vacancies.

The several Quarterly Meetings produced the report on the subject of spirituous Liquors agreeably to the direction of the Meeting last year.—The clerks are required to prepare and produce a summary of them to a future sitting of this Meeting.

And the Meeting solemnly adjourns to meet again on fifth day next at 11 o'clock.

5th day morning, 11th mo., 6th.

Friends met near the time adjourned to.

The following proposition was received from the Trustees of the Boarding School:

The trustees of New Garden Boarding School propose to the Yearly Meeting the appointment of Nathan H. Clark as one of their body, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the removal of James Woody out of the limits of the Meeting.

11th mo., 6th, 1851.

JOSEPH NEWLIN, Clerk.

The foregoing proposition being read, is approved by the Meeting, and Nathan H. Clark appointed as therein proposed.

The committee appointed at a former sitting to propose names to fill the

vacancies in the Meeting for sufferings, report as follows:

The committee appointed to propose names to fill vacancies which have occurred in the members of the meeting for Sufferings, have examined the whole list of names of those now standing and find the number to be 48 — in which there appears to be 9 vacancies, which reduces the actual number to 39 members. We therefore suggest to the meeting, that that number is sufficiently large, and request to be released from the further action on the subject at this time. Which we submit to the meeting.

JOSEPH NEWLIN,

11th mo., 6th, 1851. on behalf of the Committee.

Which report was satisfactory to the Meeting and the committee accordingly released.

This meeting received an epistle from the Yearly Meeting in London in regard to the spirit of separation and division that has been unhapily introduced into several of the Yearly Meetings on this continent, which was read; the salutary counsel and advice therein contained we believe to be well adapted to the situation of things in our land and satisfactory and edifying to the Meeting and in order to increase its usefulness among our members it was directed to be printed in the minutes of this Meeting.

YEARLY MEETING, 1851.

Under a renewed feeling of religious concern and interest on behalf of our dear friends in America, more especially with reference to the separations with which of late years they have been tried, this Meeting concludes to adopt the following Epistle.

From our Yearly Meeting held in London by adjournments from the 21th of the 5th month to the 31th of the same inclusive, 1851.

To the several Yearly Meetings of Friends in America.

Dear Friends and Brethren:

In some renewed sense of the preciousness of that fellowship which is in Christ, we offer you the expression of our warm desire that you may be all increasingly bound together as bodies and as individuals in the unity of the one Eternal Spirit, in which there is strength, harmony and love. And may we also be permitted to know an increase of the same blessed unity with you.

In the course of the last thirty years the trials which have attended our dear brethren in some of the Yearly Meetings on your continent have been brought distinctly before us. We also, beloved friends, have not been wholly exempt from those trials which arise from a tendency to separation in the Church, and hence we are, in some measure, prepared to sympathize with you. Your trials have been introduced to our notice by your epistles and by communications addressed to us from Meetngs professing to be Meetings of Friends of the regular establishment of which we have not had information from those Meetings with which we have been in regular correspondence. We have thought it right to decline accepting the communications of such Meetings.

We believe that our early Friends were gathered together by the Lord Jesus Christ and that by the power of His love He enabled them to bear a living testimony to His blessed truth, and to make an open profession of the doctrines of His Gospel in their spirituality, simplicity and original purity. These doctrines are precious to us, and if

we depart from them, we do not expect to be honored of the Lord. The unfaithfulness of individuals does not invalidate the soundness of the principles; but we thankfully acknowledge that we can recur to no period of our history at which our Society as a body has departed from them.

Intimately connected with our religious character has been the maintenance of our christian discipline in accordance with what is set forth in the New Testament, and we are comforted in referring to the early acts and records of our body, for the clear evidence which they present that these principles are unchanged. The exercise of the discipline towards the individual members in the care and oversight one of another for good has been brought about and continued by the holding of our several Monthly, Quarterly and other meetings for discipline, all in subordination to their respective Yearly Meetings. An Epistolary intercourse between the several bodies was early introduced amongst us, and has been carried on to the present time, under, as we believe, the renewings of light and life from the Lord. Love and unity throughout the body have been increased by this correspondence and our several Yearly Meetings have thus been rendered a help and a strength one to the other.

How precious are true love and unity! Under their blessed influence a renewal of faith in Christ our holy Head is granted, and living desires are raised for the advancement of His spiritual kingdom in our own hearts, in the several Meetings of which we are members, among our brethren of the same faith elsewhere, and in the world at large. Some capacity is thus granted to Churches to bear one another's burdens, to rejoice with those who do rejoice, to weep with those that weep, to sympathize with them in their trials, whether these arise from persecution, from lukewarmness, from the love of the world, from false doctrines creeping in unawares, or from a departure from the true order of the Church. Unworthy as we feel to speak of such an experience, we can reverently and thankfully acknowledge, that in the love of Christ such an exercise has from one time to another been granted to us when assembled as a Yearly Meeting, and *that* even when we have felt that we have great need to humble ourselves before the Lord under a sense of our unfaithfulness to Him and to His holy cause of truth and righteousness.

Friends of this generation have been often permitted individually to feel the strength, the joy, and the privilege of brotherly love and confidence—of an interest in the present and eternal welfare of their fellow members wherever situated. How conspicuously did the love and the unity of the Spirit bind our early predecessors one to another.—Brought together as they were, widely differing in education, in talents, and in their previously entertained religious views, they were united in the faith and hope of the gospel, and became distinguished by faith in the perceptible teachings of Christ by his Spirit, and in that faith they were maintained in love and unity. Composed as the body was of men of different dispositions and gifts, as well as of a variety of spiritual growth, there was a call for the exercise of Christian charity and of forbearance one with another in love, and these graces were practiced. How patiently did they bear with their brethren who had known the Truth and had departed from it—how faithfully and tenderly did they labor for their restoration—and how were they helped and blessed in these labors to the preservation of the harmony of the Church when this harmony was threatened or interrupted.

In reflecting upon our own condition and upon the widely scattered settlements of Friends in America, and upon the number of Yearly Meetings on your Continent, warm and earnest desires are afresh raised within us that you and we, beloved brethren, may

all partake of this fellowship, unity and love which have so greatly contributed to the joy and strength of the body. Whilst each Yearly Meeting maintains its right place, whilst each exercises its independent character, may it feel also its close connexion with the others in Christ, who is Head over all things to His church. May each be concerned in humility before the Lord to honor the others, and when circumstances arise such as a decrease, or an enlargement of numbers within the limits of a Yearly Meeting, which may render a union with another Yearly Meeting or a division into two such bodies desirable, we would query whether advantages would not result from a Meeting so circumstanced taking counsel with their brethren of other Yearly Meetings.

We have a deep sense of the goodness wherewith the Lord has condescended to own our religious Society in the economy of our discipline both as regards the Meetings established for its support, and the character of the discipline itself,—and whilst there is a steady, patient concern to uphold in faithfulness, integrity and love, the Christian doctrines and practices of the body, we believe that even should there be through human infirmity some departure from the right exercise of the discipline, the setting up of separate Meetings, either for worship or discipline, will be found to be out of the true order of the gospel. We cannot easily set forth the sense we have of the desolating effects on all around of dissension among brethren and of a separating one from another of those whom the great Head of the Church has designed to show forth his praise. If, beloved friends, there has been on the part of any a willingness to bring about a separation, instead of a deep and patient travail of spirit for the removal of difficulties, we would affectionately and earnestly entreat such in the name of Him who is emphatically the Repairer of the breaches, the Restorer of paths to dwell in, to seek the ability which He alone can give to labor for that restoration of love and unity without which the cause for which we were raised up as a people may be greatly frustrated. The great danger of divisions among brethren, both to those who go and to those who are left behind—their withering influence on the young and inexperienced—their desolating tendency as regards the body at large—the disesteem which they must in the eyes of others bring upon our profession of dependence on the immediate guidance and teachings of the Spirit of God, and on the government of Christ in His Church should alarm us all at the evils of separation; they should drive us to the watch-tower and keep us there—and as we are so kept, we have faith to believe that there would be no increase of separations in our Religious Society.

We feel, dear friends, the serious importance of your position and of ours. Whilst some of your Meetings are settled in large cities, a very great proportion of your members are widely spread over a vast continent, much of which was but lately a wilderness, but where the population is now rapidly increasing. We are living in a densely peopled land where the religion of Christ has been professed for many centuries. We are all alike subject to the temptations and trials incident to man; but we have our respective positions in the militant church and in the world—we have each our peculiar temptations and snares. May we be deeply humbled before God. We feel that we are not occupying that place amongst men which He graciously designed that as self-denying, spiritually minded followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, we should occupy.—But blessed be his holy name, in His long-suffering mercy He has not forsaken us.—May we then with sincerity of heart, with singleness of purpose, and with devotedness to the service of Christ, be given up in faith in the renewings of the Holy Ghost, to fulfil according to His will His gracious design in raising us up and maintaining us unto this day as a distinct Christian community to bear testimony to primitive Christi

unity. And may that brotherly unity which in days of old was as the dew of Hermon, contributing to the fruitfulness of the Church, abound every where amongst us. Then we believe we shall be strengthened to show forth the praises of Him who hath called us out of darkness into His marvellous light; and to advance His kingdom of righteousness, peace and truth.'

Signed in and on behalf of the Meeting by

JOHN HODGKIN,
Clerk of the Meeting, this year.

Also received from our Friends of the Yearly Meeting in Dublin an edifying epistle of tender counsel addressed to their own members, which was read in this Meeting to our comfort and satisfaction.

The committee continued two years ago to meet in conference, with similar committees from other Yearly Meetings in the City of Baltimore in the fifth month last, made the following report:

TO NORTH CAROLINA YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS.

The undersigned of the Committee appointed by our Yearly meeting, to meet with the Committees of other Yearly meetings in Baltimore in the 5th mo., 1851, to confer in the general interests of Society, report:

That we attended to the appointment, and the Meeting of the associated Committees was held at the time and place appointed, at which entire harmony and much brotherly feeling prevailed; and after a time of conference together, on various important subjects, relating to the general interests and welfare of Society, an Address to Friends was agreed upon with entire unity, a copy of which we herewith lay before the Meeting.

Baltimore, 5th mo., 5th, 1851.

JAMES PEELLE,
JOSHUA STANLEY,
DAVID WHITE,
AARON STALKER.

The foregoing report being read, the document therein alluded to was introduced, deliberately read and considered, and a free and full expression of sentiment given approving of the same. And the subject continuing to claim our serious concern, and that the document above alluded to may have the desired effects, it is now concluded to continue our committee for further service, and to unite with similar committees from other Yearly Meetings, who may see their way to appoint them in such labor for the restoration of love and unity as the Truth may lead into, and which was once our adorning as a people. And if way should open for it they are authorized to attend the Yearly Meetings of Philadelphia and Ohio and present them with a copy of this address; also to attend the Yearly Meeting of New England.

The Clerk is directed to furnish the committee with a copy of the foregoing minutes and sign it on behalf of the Meeting.

Our beloved friend Daniel Barker in a feeling manner laid before this Meeting a concern to visit in the love of the Gospel most or all the Yearly Meetings of Friends on this continent and some of the Meetings belonging thereto, and to appoint some meetings among those not of our religious society as way may open, as expressed in a certificate from his

Monthly meeting endorsed by the Quarterly meeting together with a certificate from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders. After a time of weighty deliberation thereon, much unity was felt and expressed with him therein, and he left at liberty and encouraged to pursue his prospect as Truth may open the way, he being a Minister with whom we have unity.

Samuel Hill, Jesse Henley, John Newlin, Abel Coffin, John Carter, Joseph Newlin and Elihu Coffin are appointed to see that our above named friend be properly provided for for the performance of the prospect before him, and are authorized to draw on this meeting's treasury for the expense and report to next Yearly meeting.

This meeting received a testimony from Deep Creek Monthly meeting endorsed by Deep River Quarter and the meeting for Sufferings, concerning our late deceased friend William Tulbert, which after being read and considered, was united with by this meeting and directed to be recorded in the book of memorials.

The committee appointed at a former sitting to whom was referred the proposition from the Eastern Quarter, made the following report, which being read was satisfactory to this meeting and is as follows:

The committee appointed to take into consideration the proposition from Eastern Quarter, in regard to alterations of Discipline, having weightily deliberated thereon, and discussed the subject in its various lights, have agreed to report, that we see no way that the clause of the Discipline relating to our members marrying contrary thereto, can be so altered as to make it clear of objections, and therefore recommend that it remain as it is. And that while we unite with the members of that meeting in a desire for greater uniformity of Discipline in many other particulars, by the different Yearly meetings, yet we do not think it advisable for our Yearly meeting to adopt any measure for that purpose, at the present time. Which we submit to the meeting.

On behalf of the committee,

11th mo., 6th, 1851. WILLIAM HOCKETT.

The committee to whom was referred the proposition from Deep River Quarter made the following report:

The committee, to whom was referred the proposition from Deep River Quarter, proposing that the names of deceased Ministers and Elders be annually reported to the Yearly meeting as they occur, together with their ages, have deliberated on the subject and propose that the several Quarterly meetings annually report what Ministers or Elders have deceased during the year, what are their ages, and how long have they stood in those relations.

Which we submit to the meeting. On behalf of the committee,

11th mo., 6th, 1851. WILLIAM HOCKETT.

Which report was satisfactory to the meeting, and the Quarterly meetings are directed in their annual return to forward to the Yearly meeting the same as recommended in the above report.

The Clerks produced a summary of the reports from the Quarters relative to the use of spirituous liquors among our members, which is as follows:

That out of the 1966 members over 18 years of age inquired of, 1782 profess to use the article only when taken as a medicine, and 184 are said to use it otherwise; and that there were 40 not inquired of, making 2006. The foregoing report being read and considered, the meeting was introduced into exercise and concern for the preservation of our members from the hurtful influence of intoxicating liquors, and Friends were encouraged not to relax in their exertions until every vestige of the use of such drinks as a beverage shall be removed from amongst us as a religious Society. Quarterly and Monthly meetings were directed to labor in love among their members for this desirable end, and report to the next Yearly meeting the number of members over 18 years of age, both male and female, distinguishing between the numbers of those who use the article only when administered as a medicine, and those who use it as a drink.

And the meeting solemnly adjourns to meet again to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

11th mo., 7th. Friends met near the time adjourned to.

This meeting received and read the 6th annual report of the standing committee appointed to confer with the Trustees of the Boarding school, which report is satisfactory to the meeting and is as follows:

TO THE YEARLY MEETING NOW SITTING.

The 6th annual Report of the standing committee on the state of the Boarding school.

We have conferred with the Trustees and examined their books and proceedings and find them satisfactory, and we believe they are endeavoring to promote the interest of the institution and are desirous of bringing it back to its original basis; and to do this they propose that our members be encouraged to increase the common fund as proposed by them, which proposition we unite with. The laborious task of the Trustees has claimed our deep sympathy, and we desire them to faithfully persevere in their efforts.

All of which we submit to the meeting.

11th mo., the 6th, 1851.

NATHAN CRAVEN, CLERK.

There was received and read at this sitting the 15th annual report of the Trustees of New Garden Boarding School, which was satisfactory and is as follows:

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF NEW GARDEN BOARDING SCHOOL.

We find from the account rendered by the Superintendent that there have been one hundred students in the school the past year, and that sixty four of that number have been members of our Society, and thirty-six were not members; sixty-nine were in school less than six months, and fourteen less than three months,—the average number being thirty four and three fourths, of which twenty three and three fourths were boarders and eleven day scholars.

The health of the family through the year has been generally good—the rules of the school have been in a good degree observed.

The financial condition of the school is nearly shown by the following statement:

Amount of claims against the school including bonds, accounts, and interest,	$3960 .46
Amount due school including all Bonds, accounts, and interest,	1935 .44
Cash on hand,	94 .00
Provision on hand,	77 .00
Goods and Books on hand,	443 .40
Balance of Debt against the school,	2025 .02

By comparing the condition of the school now and with what it was last year, we find that there has been a gain on the transaction of the year of $328.

It is proper also to remark that the above amount of claims in favor of the school includes about $250 of doubtful debts, and there has been expended for improvements and repairs about $100. There has been received on the subscription to pay debts of the school, entered into last, $190, and $50 a donation from a Friend in New Jersey. There has been received since last report $59 .08 interest from the charity fund, and $136 .53 interest from the Common fund. There has been received the past year $181—a bequest of William Hockett deceased, late of Springfield, the application thereof being confided to the Trustees to determine; in accordance with the said provisions and direction of the testator, we have thought proper to place the same to the Common fund, and have therefore ordered it into the hands of the Treasurer of said fund.

The Trustees would here call the attention of the members of the Yearly Meeting to the importance of increasing this fund, by contribution or otherwise to an amount that would reduce the price of board and tuition to a sum that would be within the reach of all the members of the Yearly Meeting; and believing that it would require at least $20000 to secure this object, which sum would produce an annual income of $1200 by the help of which it is presumed, that the price of board and tuition might be reduced to $40 a year; at which price it is believed Friends would patronize the school at least to the average of 30 scholars, which at $40 would produce $1200—which if added to the interest of the proposed Common fund, would make an annual revenue of $3400, a sum believed to be amply sufficient to secure the expense of the institution. The school has now a permanent Common fund, of $1774 .66, and we are informed that Friends of England have raised near £500, designed for a permanent fund, which if applied to the Common fund would increase it to upwards of $4000. We have also a permanent charity fund amounting to $1048 .74, which if we had increased to $10,000, together with the proposed amount of Common fund to $20,000, we would feel sanguine of succeeding in carrying on the school as strictly a Friends' school, an object which we believe to be desired by all our concerned Members. It may be observed that a charity fund producing $600 would at present prices of board and tuition pay for eight scholars in the school a year; but if we had the price reduced to $40, we would be able to keep 15 students in the school the same length of time with the same amount of interest; thus the larger the Common fund is the more we are able to do with

the interest of the charity fund.

All of which we submit to the Meeting.

11th Mo. 7th, 1851.

JOSEPH NEWLIN, CLERK.

The subject of raising a permanent fund for the endowment of the Boarding school as recommended in the report of the Trustees, being brought before the meeting for consideration, and after a free and ful expression of sentiment approving of the same, not only that of raising a fund but that the school might again be placed back upon its original foundation that of a Friends' school. Therefore for the accomplishment of this desirable end this meeting appoints the following Friends a committee to solicit subscription for that purpose in their respective Quarterly meetings: Jonathan E. Cox, Joseph R. Parker, Jeptha White, Joshua Stanley, Nathaniel Woody, Isham Cox, Alfred H. Lindley, Nathan H. Clark, Thomas Benbow, Charles Pidgeon, William Edgerton, John Hollowell, Needham T. Perkins, David Morgan, Aaron Hammer, Allen U. Tomlinson, Jonathan Harris, Nereus Mendenhall, Thomas Benbow, Jesse Henley, Nathan B. Hill, Nathan Craven and Joseph Newlin. The conditions of the subscriptions are, that the subscribers are only bound on condition that the fund is increased to twenty thousand dollars within two years from this time; said committee are directed to report their progress to next Yearly meeting.

The minutes of the meeting for Sufferings were produced, read, approved, and directed to be signed by this meeting's Clerk.

The committee appointed last Yearly meeting to collect the subscription then made in aid of extinguishing the debt against the Boarding School, report that they have collected most of it, and that they have obtained some further subscriptions, most or all of which has been paid to the Treasurer or superintendent of the School. They are therefore continued to collect the balance and make a written report to next Yeatly meeting.

The committee appointed at a former sitting to prepare returning minutes for Friends now in attendance from other Yearly meetings produced the following, which were satisfactory to the meeting and the clerk directed to sigh them on behalf of the same.

Our esteemed Friend Lindley M. Hoag acceptably attended this meeting and produced a certificate of unity and concurrence from Sandwich Monthly meeting of Friends dated the 21st of the 8th mo., 1851, endorsed by Dover Quarterly Meeting held the 29th of the 8th mo., 1851, whose company and gospel labors have been satisfactory and edifying to us.

Our esteemed friend Thomas Wells acceptably attended this meeting and produced a certificate of unity and concurrence from Walnut Ridge Monthly meeting of Friends in the State of Indiana, the 16th of the 8th mo., 1851, whose company and gospel labors have been satisfactory and edifying to us.

Our esteemed friend Elias Bundy, companion to William Binford, acceptably attended this meeting and produced a copy of a minute of unity and concurrence from Walnut Ridge Monthly meeting of Friends held the 20th of the 6th mo., 1851, whose company and orderly deportment have been satisfactory to us.

Our esteemed friend Mary Kite acceptably attended this meeting and produced a certificate of unity and concurrence from Birmingham Monthly meeting of Friends in Chester County, Pennsylvania, dated the 30th of the 7th mo., 2851, endorsed by Concord Quarterly meeting held the 12th of the 8th mo., 1851, whose company and gospel labors have been satisfactory and edifying to us.

Our esteemed friend Mary Passmore, companion to Mary Kite, acceptably attended this meeting with a copy of a minute of unity and concurrence from Goshen Monthly meeting of Friends dated the 28th of the 8th mo., 1851, whose company and orderly deportment have been satisfactory to us.

The committee appointed at a former sitting to settle with the different treasurers accountable to this meeting made the following report:

We, the committee appointed to settle with the Treasurers of this meeting, find in the hands of Wm. Hockett, Western Treasurer, $171.18½.

In the hands of Aaron Hammer for Lost Creek, 10.00

In the hands of Josiah T. White, Eastern, 9.50

We propose the sum of $400, to augment the Yearly Meeting stock, apportioned as follows:

Eastern Quarter	$82.00	
Western	69.00	
New Garden	20.00	
Contentnea	41.00	
Lost Creek	24.00	
Deep River	82.00	
Southern	82.00	—400.00

Also in the hands of Allen U. Tomlinson, Treasurer of Charity fund, $1048.74 at Interest.

He has received and paid over to Superintendent of N. G. B. School $34.33 of interest on said fund and $21.75 of the ten years' subscription.

In the hands of Joseph Newlin, Treasurer of Common fund, $1774.41 at interest.

He has received and paid over to said Superintendent $62.00 of interest on said fund and $74.58 of the ten yoars' subscription.

We propose that Wm. Hockett be Western Treasurer, Josiah T. White be Eastern Treasurer, Aaron Hammer be Lost Creek Treasurer, Nathan H. Clark be Treasurer of Subscription in place of James Woody who has removed. We propose Joseph Newlin be Treasurer of Common fund, and Allen U. Tomlinson Treasurer of Charity Fund. All of which we submit.

11th mo. 7th, 1851.

NATHAN CRAVEN,
On behalf of the committee.

All of which is satisfactory to the meeting; the sum of $400, as apportioned among Quarters, directed to be raised and paid over to this meeting's treasurer; also the treasurers appointed as therein proposed.

The committee on education made the following report, and the friends appointed members of said committee as proposed in the report.

SUMMARY REPORT ON EDUCATION.

It appears from the reports from the different Quarterly meetings, as far as is ascertained, that the number of children between the age of 5 and 16, is 804.

That the number of children between the age of 16 and 21 is	336.
Number receiving some education,	1104.
Number receiving some education past year,	1038.
Number of schools taught by female members,	16.
Number of schools taught by male members,	28.
Number of schools taught by those not members, to which Friends' children have gone,	86.
Total Number of schools all in a mixed state,	130.

Two Monthly meetings and one preparative from which we have not received the number of children.

We propose Thomas E. Winslow in Piny woods Monthly Meeting to supply the place of John R. Winslow who has removed; also Jane Parker in Rich square, to supply the place of Lydia Parker; also Uriah Macy in New Garden Monthly meeting, to supply the place of John R. Hubbard.

All of which we submit to the Meeting.

On behalf of the committee,

6th of 11th mo., 1851. ISHAM COX.

The committee appointed at a former sitting to assist the Clerk in preparing our epistle of advice to the subordinate Meetings, have produced one which was read, approved of and directed to be signed by the Clerk.

From North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends, held at New Garden from the 3d to the 7th of the 11th mo., 1851: To the Quarterly, Monthly and preparative meetings constituting the same.

Dear Friends:

We in humility acknowledge that notwithstanding our many short-comings we have been favored in this our annual assembly with the overshadowing wing of heavenly love, from time to time through the several sittings of this meeting, under the animating and qualifying influence of which things have been brought forth both ancient and new.

During the consideration of the state of society as presented to our view by the reading of the answers to the queries, it was apparent that there were many departures from the full support of the principles and testimonies that our religious society has long professed to bear to the world. The neglect of the attendance of our meetings both for worship and discipline and especially those held near the middle of the week, was cause of much exercise and concern. Living testimonies were borne in which were very feelingly brought to the view of the meeting the word of our holy Redeemer, "If ye love me ye will keep my word". That He who sent down his holy

Spirit to anoint the primeval believers will strengthen us by His grace in the inner man for the performance of this most important and reasonable duty. Let us therefore, dear friends, hold fast the professoin of our faith without wavering, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is, but be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.

The preservation of love and unity among the members of our religious society is an object of unspeakable interest to us, and a deep solicitude was felt that we might exercise towards each other that charity that suffereth long, and is kind, and that thinketh no evil; that rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the Truth.

The support of our testimony to plainness in dress, address, and moderation in every part of our conduct, is unabated. We believe that the Truth leads to the e things. And we have been made fervently to desire that our members may everywhere make a plain, consistent appearance, and that our moderation in all things may be practically exemplified, coming to this true touch stone; "let others do as they may, as for me and my house we will serve the Lord."

It is only as we keep our habitations in the Truth that we shall know to our comfort and edification that Godliness is profitable unto all things, and that a renewed qualification will be known for the performance not only of our religious, but our social duties. And we have been made at this time to desire that all our members everywhere be preserved from a participation in the commotions which are now threatning the harmony of our beloved country on the subject of Slavery. Let us on that subject maintain our true christian principle, bearing our testimony against this unrighteous system, and show forth to the world by our truly christian works through life that we are actuated by that Spirit which breathes glory to God in the highest on earth, peace and good will towards men. That it is our duty to be a law-abiding people and in no wise improperly to interfere in the relation between Master and Slave, or with any of the commotions or excitements of the day arising therefrom, which are so well calculated to divert the mind from that true path of virtue. We fear that the present state of things as above referred to, has had a tendency to unsettle the minds of many of our members, and that it is under feelings of this kind that many Friends have been induced to leave their habitations and remove from among us. We feel tenderly concerned that Friends before taking such a step may weightily consider this subject, waiting for best wisdom to direct their course. We desire therefore in much love to press it upon our members to settle down in their own minds upon that foundation which alone standeth sure, and as we abide there we shall not be moved by the "strife of tongues", and although the winds may blow and beat upon us, we shall not be overwhelmed.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting.

AARON STALKER,
Clerk to the men's meeting.
DELILAH REYNOLDS,
Clerk to the women's meeting.

The committee appointed at the first sitting of this Meeting to essay epistles of correspondence to the several Yearly Meetings of friends have produced them, and after being read and some corrections made, were referred to the Clerks for further corrections; and they were directed to transcribe them and the Clerk to sign them on behalf of the meeting and forward them to their several places of address.

The committee appointed at a former sitting to procure the reprint of the London general epistle, have produced them; they are therefore referred to the representatives to apportion among the Quarterly Meetings.

The Clerks were directed to have 1250 copies of the minutes of this meeting printed for distribution among our members and to draw on the Treasurer for the expense.

And the meeting having in harmony and brotherly love brought its various deliberations to a close, and under a sense of the favor received from Him who is head over all things to his Church, concludes to meet again at the usual time and place next year, if the Lord permit.

AARON STALKER,
Clerk to the meeting.

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OF

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MINUTES.

At North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends, held at New Garden, the 8th day of the 11th mo., 1852.

From the reports received from the several Quarterly Meetings it appears the following Friends have been appointed representatives to this Meeting, to wit:

From the Eastern Quarter, David White, sen., Jonathan E. Cox, William O. White, Jesse Jessup, Joshua Trueblood and William White.

From the Western Quarter, Isham Cox, Paris S. Benbow, Nathaniel Woody, Alexander Clark, Thomas Hodgin and William Hocket.

From New Garden Quarter, John Russel, Stephen Macy, Joseph Wilson, Richard Stanley and Libni Gardner.

From Contentnea Quarter, Lazarus Pearson, Thomas Kennedy, William Edgerton, jr., Nathan Edgerton and Robert Perkins.

Lost Creek Quarter, David Morgan and Jonathan Jones.

Deep River Quarter, Abel Coffin, Jeremiah Piggott, Lewis Walton, John Hill, Jonathan Frazier, Benjamin Anderson, William Stanley, Amos Stuart, Nicholas Hutchins and Joshua Bond.

Southern Quarter, Sewell Farlow, Jesse Henley, Joseph Newlin, Ezra Hammond, Stephen Hinshaw, Jabez Stalker, Lemuel Spencer and Clarkson Allen. Who being called were all present except William O. White, Joshua Trueblood, Jonathan Jones and Jonathan Frazier, for all of whose absence sufficient reasons were rendered.

Jonathan Harris and Jesse Henley were appointed messengers to the Women's Meeting.

Our esteemed friend, Cordelia Bayes, a minister, in the course of her religious visit to friends on the American Continent, acceptably attended this meeting and produced a certificate of unity and concurrence from Devonshire House Monthly Meeting of friends held at Devonshire House in the City of London by adjournments the 18th of the 3rd mo., 1851. Endorsed by the Quarterly Meeting of London and Middlesex held in the City of London the 24th of the 3rd mo., 1851.

Also a certificate from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London by adjournments on the 19th, 20th and 31st days of the 5th mo., 1851.

Our beloved friend, Susan R. Smith, a minister, acceptably attended this meeting and produced a copy of a minute of unity and concurrence from Burlington Monthly Meeting of Friends in New Jersey dated the 7th of the 10th mo., 1852.

Our beloved friend, Nathan Douglas, a minister, acceptably attended this meeting and produced a certificate from Durham Monthly Meeting of Friends in the State of Maine, held the 24th of the 8th mo., 1852. Endorsed by Falmouth Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Windham the 2nd of the 9th mo., 1852.

Our beloved friend, Joseph Haviland, acceptably attended this meeting and produced a certificate from Nine Partners' Monthly Meeting of Friends in the State of New York, held the 15th of the 7th mo., 1852. Endorsed by Nine Partners' Quarterly Meeting held at Oblong the 3rd of the 8th mo., 1852.

Our beloved friend, Daniel P. Haviland, a minister, acceptably attended this meeting and produced a certificate from Oblong Monthly Meeting of Friends in the State of New York, held the 12th of the 7th mo., 1852. Endorsed by Nine Partners' Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Oblong the 3rd of the 8th mo., 1852.

Our esteemed friend, Hannah W. Beaseley, acceptably attended this meeting and produced a copy of minute from a Monthly Meeting of Friends of Philadelphia for the Western district, held the 17th of the 3rd mo., 1852.

The following friends were appointed to extend the necessary care from day to day during the several sittings of this meeting in regard to the sitting of the meeting, and to see that it be kept select, to wit: Charles Starbuck, John Hill, Joseph Wilson and Jabez Macy.

This meeting has received and read the printed and written epistles from the yearly meeting held in London together with one from Dublin and one from each of the yearly meetings of friends on this continent; the salutary counsel, advice and admonition therein contained have been satisfactory and edifying to us, thus, bringing our distant brethren feelingly to our remembrance, and we have been made to desire that we may, with friends everywhere, become increasingly alive in the Truth, and as this becomes our experience, we shall grow in Grace and in the knowledge of the Truth thereby in our lives and conversation, adorning the doctrine of God, our Savior.

The following friends were appointed a committee to essay

epistles of correspondence to each of the yearly meetings of friends and produce them to a future sitting, viz: David White, Jonathan E. Cox, William White, James Woody, Alfred H. Lindley, Isham Cox, Thomas Hodgin, John Thompson, Joshua Stanley, Nathan H. Clark, Joseph Wilson, Charles Benbow, William Edgerton, Thomas Kennedy, Lazarus Pearson, Nathan Edgerton, David Morgan, Winslow Davis, Abel Coffin, William G. Johnson, Jonathan Harris, Elihu E. Mendenhall, Benjamin Anderson, John Carter, Allen U. Tomlinson, Daniel Barker, Joseph Newlin, William Clark, Samuel Hill, Thomas C. Hill and Jesse Henley.

John Russel and Elihu Coffin were appointed to procure the re-print of 1500 copies of the London General Epistle for distribution among our members, and produce them to a future sitting, also to draw on this meeting's treasury for money to defray the expense.

The Clerk was directed to endorse upon the London General Epistle, that it was read in this meeting, and approved by the same, and directed to be signed by the Clerk.

The following friends were appointed to settle with the different treasurers accountable to this meeting; proposed what sum will be necessary to augment the stock, and apportion the same among the Quarterly Meetings, and propose names for treasurers and report to a future sitting, to wit: Jesse Jessup, John Newlin, Jonathan Copeland, James Woody, John Russel, Elihu Coffin, William Edgerton, Thomas Kennedy, David Morgan, Jonathan Harris, William Gardner, William Hammond and Samuel Hill.

The attention of the meeting being called to the weighty and interesting matter contained in the written epistle addressed to this meeting from London, it was concluded to appoint a committee to draw a copy for each of the quarterly meetings and produce them to a future sitting; the committee are as follows: Dougan Clark, jr., John M. Woody, Clarkson Hill, Harper Stuart, Alfred H. Lindley, Jonathan E. Cox, Sewell Farlow, Lewis Starbuck and Benjamin Hackney.

The Quarterly Meetings having produced the answers to the queries, the clerks were directed to prepare a summary of them and produce it to the meeting tomorrow.

The representatives were directed to confer together at the rise of this sitting and make choice of some suitable friend to serve the meeting as clerk, and also some friends for assistant clerks, and propose them to the meeting tomorrow.

And the meeting solemnly adjourns to meet again tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock.

Third day morning, 11th mo., 9th. Friends met near the time adjourned to.

The following report was received from the representatives.

To the Yearly Meeting now sitting, we, the representatives, have conferred together, and agree to propose Aaron Stalker for clerk, and Allen U. Tomlinson and Alfred H. Lindley for assistant clerks.

On behalf of the representatives,
11th mo., 9th, 1852. THOMAS KENNEDY.

All of which was approved by the meeting and the clerk and assistant clerks appointed, as therein proposed.

The clerk informed the meeting that he had prepared a summary of the answers to the queries agreeable to the direction of the meeting yesterday, which being read, was as follows:

1st. Meetings for worship and discipline are said to be pretty well attended by most Friends in all of the Quarters. Though there is a marked deficiency in some of the members in regard to the attendance of meetings, and especially those held near the middle of the week; some care is said to be taken in all the Quarters except two.

The hour is said to be pretty well observed and no unbecoming behaviour to remark.

2nd. Love and unity are said to be maintained in a pretty good degree in all the Quarters, though there seems to be some deficiency i nall the Quarters but two. Some care said to be taken. Some complaint of differences in one of the Quarters in which care is said to be taken. Tale-bearing and detraction not sufficiently guarded against in one of the Quarters. The Rules of Discipline said to be mostly put in practice, though not so timely in one of the Quarters as would be best in which case some care is said to be taken.

3rd. Plainness and moderation are said to be pretty well kept too by most Friends, though there is a deficiency among some members in all of the Quarters. Some care taken. Some care is said to be taken for the right tuition of children in the principles of our religious profession, and in reading the Scriptures, and some restraints are said to be used in all the Quarters.

4th. Friends appear mostly clear of the unnecessary use of intoxicating liquors. Though there is some complaint of using them improperly in five of the Quarters; care is said to be taken in three of them.

Friends appear to be clear of attending places of diversion except in one Quarter, which is said not to be as clear as is desired, and in another Quarter of a Friend permitting his house to be made a place of diversion. Care is said to be taken in both cases.

5th. Friends appear to bear testimony against war in all the Quarters except one case of mustering in one of the Quarters. Care is said to be taken.

Friends appear mostly to bear testimony against a hireling ministry except a few cases of attending meetings of other societies in four of the Quarters.

6th. Clear in the several heads of that query except a few cases, held

by heirship in one of the Quarters, and one instance of holding under peculiar circumstances in another Quarter.

7th. Most of our members appear careful to live up to the several requisitions of that query except a few cases in three of the Quarters. Care is said to be taken.

8th. The requisitions of that query are said to be attended to in all the Quarters except one case of a child, being placed from amongst us without consent of the Monthly Meeting.

9th. There appears to be no lawsuits amongst Friends, except one case of a Friend, sueing another contrary to discipline in one of the Quarters, which is under notice.

The advices are said to have been read, and in some degree, attended to by all the Quarters.

During the reading of the answers to the queries together with a summary of them, the investigation of the state of Society was entered into, during which it was evident that many of our members were not fully coming up in the support of the various testimonies of our religious Society, which was cause of sorrow and deep exercise of spirit to the concerned members of Society. The clerks were directed to prepare a minute embracing the exercise and labor bestowed on this occasion and produce it to a future sitting.

The following report was received from the Eastern, Lost Creek, and Southern Quarterly Meetings in regard to the decease of ministers and elders.

From Eastern Quarter:

Josiah Nicholson, an elder and member of Piney Woods Particular Meeting, deceased the 16th of the 6th mo., 1852, aged 54 years and 10 months, having filled the station of an elder 15 years.

From Lost Creek Quarter:

Solomon Beales, a member and elder of Newhope Monthly Meeting of Friends in Greene County in the State of Tennessee, deceased the 17th of the 12th mo., 1851, in the 79th year of his age, having been an elder 40 years. Also Rachel Hammer, a member and elder of Newhope Monthly Meeting of Friends in Greene County, Tennessee, deceased the 8th of the 1st mo., 1852, in the 87th year of her age.

From Southern Quarter:

Millicent Nixon, a member and elder of Back Creek Monthly Meeting, deceased the 27th day of the 12th mo., 1851, aged 82 years, filled the station of an elder 36 years. Mary Lowe, a member and elder of Back Creek Monthly Meeting, deceased the 30th of the 10th mo., 1851, aged 74 years, and had filled the station of an elder 13 years.

Joseph Elliott, a member and elder of Marlborough Month-

ly Meeting, deceased the 3rd day of the 2nd mo., 1852, aged 76 years, having filled the station of an elder 9 years.

The subject referred from last yearly meeting in regard to Friends using the products of slave labor coming before the meeting, and the subject, after claiming the weighty and deliberate consideration of Friends, resulted in the unanimous conclusion, that it was inexpedient to take any action on the subject at present, but that such of our members, as feel conscientiously scrupulous on the subject, should attend to their feelings in these respects.

And the meeting solemnly adjourns to meet again on 5th day, the 11th of the 11th mo., at 11 o'clock.

Fifth day morning, 11th mo., 11th. Friends met near the time adjourned to.

The Quarterly Meetings having produced the reports in regard to the use of intoxicating liquors, a summary of them is as follows:

That out of 1725 members over 18 years of age, enquired of, 89 use intoxicating liquors other than when administered as a medicine.

The foregoing report being read, the meeting was introduced into exercise and concern for the preservation of our members from the hurtful influence of intoxicating liquors, and Friends were encouraged to labor in love as way may open among our members for this desirable end, and report to next Yearly Meeting the number of our members over 18 years of age both male and female, distinguishing between the number of those who only use it, when administered as a medicine, and those who use it otherwise.

The committee appointed in 1850, and continued last year to collect subscriptions in aid of extinguishing the debt against the boarding school, report that nothing more has been collected; they are therefore released from any further service.

The committee appointed at last yearly meeting, on the subject of raising a permanent fund, report as follows:

We, the committee, appointed at last yearly meeting, to solicit subscriptions for the purpose of establishing a permanent fund for the endowment of the Boarding School, report that we have obtained within the limits of the Southern Quarter, $1035 00; within the limits of Deep River Quarter, $750 00; within the limits of Western Quarter, $375 00; and within the limits of Eastern Quarter, $65 00, making in all $2222 00.

Which we submit to the Meeting, JESSE HENLEY,

11th mo., 11th, 1852. On behalf of the Committee.

The subject still continuing to claim the weighty consideration of the meeting, and after a very clear and decided expression of sentiment, approving of the same, and a desire that the School might be brought back to that of being strictly a Friend's School, the committee having charge of the subject were continued and encouraged to call the attention of Friends in their respective neighborhoods and meetings to this interesting concern; and one in which the welfare of this Yearly Meeting is very intimately connected. To hold meetings on the subject among our members as way may open and report their success to next Yearly Meeting. Thomas Cox, from Southern Quarterly Meeting, was appointed a member of the aforesaid committee in place of Nathan Craven who has removed out of the limits of this meeting.

The clerk produced to the meeting a minute to some extent embracing the concern and exercise of the meeting during the consideration of the state of society, which being read, is as follows:

At the reading of the queries in this meeting, together with the answers from the quarterly meetings, and the summary answers, a consideration of the state of society was entered upon, during which it was evident that many of our members were not coming up in the full support of the various testimonies of our religious society, which was cause of mourning and deep exercise of spirit to the living members. Much concern was manifest, and various impressive testimonies delivered, calculated to stir up the careless and lukewarm, and to encourage the faithful amongst us to hold on their way, they having the assurance that the Lord would be their shield, and the exceeding great reward of those who dedicate their time and their talents to his service.

The loss sustained by many of our members by the neglect of the attendance of our religious meetings, was very clearly brought to view, together with the advantages that ever has and ever will be the portion of those who from a proper exercise and concern of mind perform this most reasonable service. These will often, to their comfort and edification, experience those meetings held near the middle of the week to be seasons of refreshment from the presence of the Lord.

The preservation of love and unity among all our members was a subject of much exercise and concern. For if a man love not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? It is the true badge of discipleship. It is even compared to the dew of Hermon and the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion, for there the Lord commanded a blessing even life forever more.

Plainness in dress, address, and moderation in every part of our conduct, has been one of the important testimonies of our religious society ever since we have been a people. We believe that the Truth leads to it, that it serves as a hedge to us and to our principles,—it preserves us from many temptations to which we might otherwise be exposed. And although many under our name may trample these things under their feet, we feel concerned to remind friends that it is one of the distinguishing features by which we are known; and it has been the experience of friends from the beginning, that the more they have been brought under

the sanctifying influence of the cross of Christ, the more they have been concerned faithfully to support our testimony to the reality of these things.

Parents were very weightily reminded of the importance of their station, and that they would be very poorly calculated to bring up their children and those under their care in the way that they should go, unless they have come under the sanctifying influence of Heavenly love, which would alone prepare them for the exercise and faithful discharge of this very important and interesting trust, and enable them by a pious and godly walk before men availingly to say to their children, both by example and precept, come and follow me as I have endeavored to follow Christ.

The youth, an interesting portion of our religious society, were very feelingly reminded of the many advantages and privileges that they, as members of society, enjoy above many that are in the world;—that they were the hope of succeeding times; and that if the testimonies of our religious society are upheld in this land, it must ere long devolve upon them. And the meeting was at this, as well as at other times, made fully sensible that this could not be done to the honor of truth, but by a full submission to the operation and influence of the Spirit of him who is all things to his Church and people, who giveth liberally and upbraideth none.

Signed by direction and on behalf of North Carolina Yearly Meeting.

AARON STALKER, Clerk.

DELPHINA E. MENDENHALL,
Clerk to the Women's Meeting.

Of which the meeting approves and directs that it be forwarded to the Quarterly, Monthly and Preparative Meetings as an epistle of advice.

And the meeting adjourns to meet again tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Sixth day morning, 11th mo., 12th, 1852. The meeting met near the time adjourned to.

The committee on education made the following report which was satisfactory to the meeting, and is as follows:

SUMMARY REPORT ON EDUCATION.

It appears from the reports, from the different Quarterly Meetings so far as *received* that the

No. of children between the ages of 5 and 15 years, is	- 832	
" " " " 16 and 21 "	- 330	
Total No.		1162
" Receiving some education, - - - - -		1131
" " " the past year, - - -		996
" Of Schools taught by Female Members, - - -		28
" " " Male " - - -		30
" " " by those not Members - -		
to which Friends' children have gone, - - -		68
Total No. of Schools all in a mixed state. - - -		126

2 small Monthly Meetings not reported.

We propose the following names to fill vacancies, viz:

Samirah H. Clark, in New Garden Quarter, to fill the place of Aletha Coffin, removed. Benjamin Anderson and Ruth Anderson, in Deep River Quarter, to fill the place of David and Zelinda Marshal, removed. Thos. Cox, in Southern Quarter, to fill the place of Nathan Craven, removed.

Believing that the Yearly Meeting might be more accurately informed of the state of education within its borders, we propose, that the following questions be answered annually, by the General Committee on Education in place of those formerly, (viz:)

How many children are there belonging to this Yearly Meeting, between the ages of 5 and 18 years?

How many between the ages of 18 and 21 years?

How many schools taught by Male Members of our society?

" " " " Female " " ?

" " " " by those not members to which Friends' children have gone?

How many schools under the care of Quarterly Meetings?

" " " " " of Monthly " ?

How many children have gone to New Garden Boarding School from each Quarter within the past year? are there any children over 5 years of age that are not receiving education?

All of which we submit to the Meeting. ISHAM COX.

This 12th day of 11th mo, 1852. On behalf of the Committee.

Which, after being read, was adopted, and Samirah H. Clark, Benjamin Anderson, Ruth Anderson and Thomas Cox were appointed members of the committee as proposed in the foregoing report.

The committee appointed at a former sitting to settle with the several treasurers accountable to this meeting, made the following report:

The Committee appointed to settle with the Treasurers of this meeting, report that we find in the hands of William Hockett, Western Treasurer, - - - - - - - - - - $80.15

In the hands of Aaron Hammer, Treasurer for Lost Creek, 10.00

In the hands of Josiah T. White, Eastern Treasurer, 21.27

Due from Deep River Quarter, - - - - - 3.70

$115.12

We propose the sum of $200 to augment the Yearly Meeting stock, apportioned as follows:—

Eastern Quarter,	$41.00
Western,	34.50
New Garden	10.00
Contentnea	20.00
Lost Creek	12.00
Deep River	41.00
Southern	41.00
	$200.00

Also in the hands of Allen U. Tomlinson, Treasurer of Charitable Fund, $1048.74 at interest. Since last year, he has recieved and paid over to Superintendent of N. G. B. School, $64.32 of interest on said Fund; and $25.25 of the ten years subscription.

In the hands of Joseph Newlin, Treasurer of Common Fund, $1774.41 at interest; and he has received and applied $113 63.

And nothing in the hands of the Treasurer of Subscriptions.

We propose that Wm. Hockett be Western Treasurer; Josiah T. White be Eastern Treasurer; Aaron Hammer be Lost Creek Treasurer; Nathan H. Clark Treasurer of Subscription. We prepose Joseph Newlin for Treasurer of Common Fund; and Allen U. Tomlinson Treasurer of Charitable Fund.

All of which we submit to the Meeting. JAMES WOODY,
11 mo. the 11, 1852. on behalf of the Committee.

Which was read and approved by the Meeting, and the Quarterly Meetings are directed to raise the money as apportioned among them, and to pay it over to the Yearly Meeting Treasurer, also appoints the treasurers as proposed in the foregoing report.

This meeting received a memorial from Cane Creek Monthly Meeting concerning our late deceased friend, Sophia Woody, which had been approved by the Western Quarterly Meeting, and the meeting for sufferings which was read in this meeting, and by it, approved and directed to be recorded in the book of memorials.

The minutes of the meeting for sufferings for the past year, exhibiting the labors of that body, were produced and read, and were satisfactory to the meeting. The clerk was, therefore, directed to sign them on behalf of the same.

The committee appointed at a former sitting to prepare as way may open returning minutes for friends now in attendance from other yearly meetings, have produced one for each of the following friends:

Our esteemed friend, Cordelia Bayes from Great Britain, acceptably attended this meeting; her company and gospel labors have been satisfactory and edifying to us.

Also produced similar minutes for Susan R. Smith from New Jersey; for Nathan Douglas from the State of Maine; and for Joseph Haviland and Daniel Haviland from New York.

Also produced the following for Hannah W. Beasley:

Our beloved friend, Hannah W. Beasley, companion to Cordelia Bayes, acceptably attended this meeting; her company and orderly deportment have been satisfactory to us.

The committee continued at last yearly meeting on the general interests of society, and as way might open for it to attend Philadelphia, Ohio and New England Yearly Meetings, made the following report:

TO THE NEXT YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

We, the undersigned, attended the last Yearly Meeting of Friends in Philadelphia, in company with two Friends of the Committee of Balti-

more Yearly Meeting, and produced our respective minutes of appointment, which were read. A copy of the address directed to be presented to that Meeting was then offered; the clerk stated that there was a copy on the table received from Indiana Yearly Meeting. Some discussion then ensued among their members on the propriety of reading the document presented. It was finally concluded, as that Meeting had had the subject of appointing a committee to join with those who prepared that document under consideration, and declined to unite with them in that concern, they then declined to read the productions of that associated committee. Notwithstanding it had been sanctioned by the Yearly Meetings appointing them, and by these meetings, directed to be presented to that Yearly Meeting.

Which we submit to the Meeting. DAVID WHITE.
5th mo., 12th, 1852. JOSHUA STANLEY.

The foregoing report being produced and read, the meeting was brought into exercise and concern for the restoration of love and unity among the different yearly meetings of friends and preservation of all upon that foundation which alone standeth sure, unites and continues, the committee consisting of David White, James Peelle, Joshua Stanley, Thomas Kennedy, Aaron Stalker and Nereus Mendenhall, who are directed to unite with similar committees from other yearly meetings in such labor as Truth may lead into, for the common benefit of our religious society and report to next Yearly Meeting.

The trustees of the Boarding School made the following report which being read was satisfactory to the meeting, and is as follows:

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF NEW GARDEN BOARDING SCHOOL.

We find from the accounts rendered by the Superintendent, that there has been 96 students in the School the past year, and that 58 of that number, have been members of our Society, and 38 were not members. The average number being 36½ of which 22½ were boarders, and 14 day scholars.

The health of the School through the year has been generally good.

The rules of the School have been observed in a good degree.

The financial condition of the School is nearly shewn by the following statements:

Amount of claims against the School		$5140.06
Amount due the School	$2390.14	
" Goods, Books and provisions	539,93	
Cash on hand	300.00	
		3230.07
Balance of debt against the School		$1909.99

By comparing the condition of the School now with what it was last year, we find that there has been a gain on the transactions of the year of $115.03.

It would be proper to remark that the amount of claims in favor of the School includes a small amount of bad, or doubtful debts.

There has been received since last report, $113.63 interest from the Common fund, and $89.58 interest from the Charity fund. There has also, been received from a friend in Pennsylvania $50; also, $10 from a friend from the same State, donations with instructions that the whole of said sums should be used in such way as the Trustees of the School may judge best. Which sums we have appropriated to pay debts against the School. We have also received a donation from a friend in New Jersey of $100—with instructions to apply it in repair and improvements of the School house. We have taken measures to apply it accordingly.

Hereafter the School year is to consist of two Sessions of 22 weeks each—the first Session commencing on second day after Yearly Meeting in each year,—two vacations of four weeks each No pupil to be admitted at any other time than the Commencement of a sossion except in particular cases to be judged of by the superintendent, teacher, and one of the Board of Managers.

We are endeavouring to bring about a systematic course of study in the School.

The price of Board and tuition remains as it was last year for the first Session this year, after which the price to those not coming under the rule for admittance as friends, children will be charged $50 per Session and extras as heretofore from those who study the languages.

We have engaged the the services of Aaron Stalker and wife as Superintendents of the School. Dougan Clark, jr, is engaged as principal teacher in the boys' school. The girls' school to be supplied. Our endeavours will be used to procure an efficient one.

Which we submit to the Meeting. JOSEPH NEWLIN, Clerk.

11th Mo. 10th, 1852.

The standing committee appointed to confer with the trustees of the Boarding School, made the following report:

The Standing Committee appointed to confer with the Trustees of New Garden Boarding School, have examined their Books and proceedings the past year; and we are united in the opinion, that they are concerned to promote the interest of the institution in every way they can.

And from what we have been able to learn the prospect for a large School the ensuing session is more encouraging that has been for several years.

The Standing Committee are also of opinion that their services can be of no further use either to the School or to the Yearly Meeting; and desire to be released from any further service in that capacity.

11th mo., 11th, 1852. WILLIAM CLARK,
On behalf of the Committee.

The foregoing report being read, was satisfactory to the meeting and the committee accordingly released agreeable to their request.

The committee appointed at the 1st sitting of this meeting to prepare a copy of the London Written Epistle for each of the Quarterly meetings, have produced them; they are directed to the care of the representatives.

The committee to whom was referred the re-printing of the London General Epistle, report that they are ready. The representatives are directed to apportion them among the Quarterly meetings and convey them down to the same.

The committee appointed at the 1st sitting of this meeting to essay epistles of correspondence to the several Yearly Meetings of Friends, have produced them, and after being read and considered, was united with, and the clerks were directed to correct and transcribe them and forward them to their several places of address.

The clerk, with the assistance of Dougan Clark, jr. and Joseph Wilson, was directed to have one thousand copies of the minutes of this Meeting printed for distribution among our members, and also directs that the document prepared by the associated committees of the Yearly Meetings of New York, New England, Baltimore, North Carolina and Indiana, which met in conference in the City of Baltimore, in the 5th mo., 1851, be printed with them. And the representatives are directed to meet at the rise of the Meeting and apportion them among the Quarterly Meetings.

The clerks are authorized to draw on the treasurer for money to defray the expense.

And the Meeting having finished its business, and in harmony and brotherly love, brought its various deliberations to a close, concludes to meet again at the usual time and place next year if the Lord permit.

AARON STALKER,
Clerk to the Meeting.

AN ADDRESS TO FRIENDS,

PREPARED BY THE

COMMITTEES OF THE

YEARLY MEETINGS

OF

NEW YORK, NEW ENGLAND, BALTIMORE, NORTH CAROLINA AND INDIANA,

ASSEMBLED IN CONFERENCE AT

BALTIMORE, IN THE 5th MONTH, 1851.

At a Meeting of the Committee of the Yearly Meeting of Friends, of New York, New England, Baltimore, North Carolina and Indiana, in Conference at Baltimore, in the fifth Month, 1851, to consider the present tried state of our Society, and to labor for its restoration to that unity and fellowship that formerly distinguished it:

Assembled at this time for on important and solemn service, our minds have been reverently turned to Him, who alone is the sure guide and preserver of His people, that He would be pleased in the riches of his mercy, notwithstanding our unworthiness, to grant unto us a measure of that wisdom which is profitable to direct; and that He would strengthen us, if consistent with His Holy Will, to be instrumental in the promotion of His blessed cause in the healing of the breaches that have been so sorrowfully made in the Church, and in the restoration of that love and unity which are essential to our prosperity, and which were formerly our adorning as a people.

We have renewedly and very deeply felt that it is not for us in our own strength to attempt to do anything for the advancement of the cause of Truth. "Except the Lord build the House, they labor in vain that build it.—Except the Lord keep the City, the watchman waketh but in vain."

In contemplating the origin of our religious Society, we

have been instructed in the remembrance of the lives and example of those, who were then called by the Adorable Head of the Church into His Service.

We behold them engaged with singleness of purpose advocating the cause of our Holy Redeemer, and under the immediate guidance of His Spirit, laboring to set forth the doctrines of the Gospel in the purity in which they were delivered to the world by Christ Himself, and His inspired Apostles.

We see them dedicating themselves to this holy work without regard to the sacrifice of any temporal thing, of personal liberty or even of life itself, in order that they might be found faithful unto Him, who had called them out of darkness into His light, and had separated them for the defence of the Gospel. The spirituality of this dispensation was clearly opened to them, and while they bore a full and faithful testimony to the unspeakable mercy of God, through Christ our Saviour, in that He so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life, they felt and preached the necessity of a practical conformity to the precepts which He graciously promulgated for the government of men, and were concerned to show forth in life and conversation the blessed fruit of the Spirit which is declared to be "love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance."

This fruit was abundantly manifested amid varied trials and conflicts, and in the sufferings, they endured in the support of the testimonies of Truth, they were brought near together in the bonds of the Gospel, and were ready to suffer one for another,—in stripes and in imprisonments. So deep and so fervent was the love begotten in their hearts by the Spirit of Christ. Very tendering is the contemplation of the love of the brethren as thus exhibited in those early days, and our spirits have yearned for an experience of the same favored and happy state to which they attained.

As we trace the History of our religious Society we find, from time to time, that there were defections on the part of individuals, who, from a want of abiding in humility and watching unto prayer, were estranged from their brethren, and departed from the simplicity and purity of the Truth, as it is in Jesus.

Hence there have arisen schisms and divisions among Friends at different periods in their history, causing sorrow and mourning to the faithful members who were engaged to walk in the Light, and to abide under the direction of the Good Shepherd, whose voice they knew, and who was graciously pleased to

lead them in a safe way, and to preserve them from every danger. As we proceed in this review of our history to a time fresh in the memory of most of us, we are mournfully affected by a contemplation of the effects of a dividing spirit which was so fearfully developed and which led to separations in several of our Yearly Meetings of a most painful and desolating character. In all these, the cause is plainly to be found in a want of a humble abiding under, and adherence to the teachings of Christ—a neglect of which led to a departure from the simplicity of the Truth, and in numerous instances, to a fearful denial of the Lord that bought us.

There can be no true unity but in a heart-felt belief in the way of salvation through the means appointed by God in Christ Jesus our Lord. We must know our hearts cemented together by His love, and having no dependence on ourselves, or in any strength of our own, come to place our trust in Him, who died for us on Calvary, and who is set forth to be a propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. Even in Him who died and rose again, and who ever liveth our Holy Intercessor and Mediator, at the right hand of the Father. "God is Light and in Him is no darkness at all." "If we walk in the Light as He is in the Light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin."

It is the work of the unwearied adversary to scatter and divide, to sow the seeds of jealousy and of discord among brethren. He is characterized as the accuser of the brethren, and when his insinuations are received into the heart, we find ourselves deprived of that badge which distinguishes the followers of Christ. Even of that love by the possession of which the Apostle declared "We know we have passed from death unto life."

We are now brought to contemplate the present condition of the religious Society of which we constitute a part—the preservation of which, on primitive ground and in its pristine purity, is an object of unspeakable interest to us. It is evident at this time that there is a want of that unity between some of the Yearly Meetings on this continent, which has already produced serious evils and embarrassments, and which threatens consequences that are painful to anticipate. To remove these difficulties—to restore love and unity on substantial ground, is the object of our deep and earnest solicitude. We desire to speak of things as they exist in plain truthfulness, but in all the tenderness that an earnest concern for the prosperity of

the Truth, and the best interests of our beloved Society can inspire.

The fact is well known that, within a few years, a secession took place in New England Yearly Meeting, at which time a small portion of their members separated themselves from the body of Friends and attempted the organization of a Yearly Meeting. The several Yearly Meetings both in Europe and America, except those of Philadelphia and Ohio, continued to acknowledge as brethren the Yearly Meeting of New England, manifesting their unity with them by their usual epistolary correspondence, and by extending to their members all the rights and privileges that appertain to the members of the Society of Friends, and refusing to recognize the Seceders. Philadelphia and Ohio Yearly Meetings (with the exception of the Women's Meeting of the latter body) have not pursued this course, but have declined to receive any communication from New England Yearly Meeting, and have suspended their epistolary correspondence with it. They have refused to acknowledge their Ministers, or to recognize that Yearly Meeting in the usual order of our religious Society.

Their subordinate meetings have in various instances refused to issue or receive removal certificates, thus abridging the rights of membership, and seriously affecting the harmony of the whole body of Friends.

The difficulties arising from this anomalous and unprecedented state of things, in which the provisions of the discipline of our Society are disregarded, are increasing, and unless removed, cannot fail to produce consequences that are fearful to contemplate.

It is not for us to enter into a review of the disciplinary proceedings of New England Yearly Meeting—they belong exclusively to itself, and have not been called in question by the Meetings we represent, nor by those of London and Ireland. We think it proper however for us to state that we believe there is a sincere desire with that body to act under the influence of restoring love towards those who have withdrawn from it—and we trust as this feeling prevails, and is received as it is offered to those who have separated themselves from Friends that, with the divine blessing, many may be again restored to the bosom of Society.

We confidently believe that New England Yearly Meeting would not fail to receive and give due place to any suggestions or counsel that might in right order be offered to them; and should any Yearly Meeting either through an Epistle or by the appointment of a delegation of Friends, feel drawn to

communicate to them any advice that might tend to the prosperity of Truth, we doubt not it would be cordially accepted.

We are comforted in the belief that the body of Friends represented in this Conference has, through unbounded mercy, been preserved in the faith of the Gospel in those essential doctrines which were unwaveringly held by our forefathers in religious profession. We see no evidence of any departure among us from the ancient concern of Friends on these subjects, and doubt not all would be united, notwithstanding our many weaknesses, in condemning any departure from that path, in which Friends have so long been favored safely to walk.

In this view of the condition of our Society, the position of the two Yearly Meetings to which we have alluded in relation to New England, is cause of deep regret and sorrow, involving as it does not only a breach of unity between themselves and that body, but also necessarily in a greater or less degree, intercepting the free current of Gospel love, and loosening the bonds of fellowship between them and those Yearly Meetings which *do* unite with New England. It is too evident that this work is already in progress—feelings of alienation towards brethren heretofore beloved, are manifested—distrust and jealousy in too many instances, have taken the place of confidence and esteem—and the scattering and separating Spirit is seen where once was the prevalence of unity and concord. We would, were we permitted to do so, in all the tenderness, yet in the earnestness of true restoring love, not in the spirit of *dictation*, but of *persuasion*, appeal to Friends in the two Yearly Meetings alluded to, and entreat them by their interest in the welfare of their own members—by their regard for the cause of Truth, and the prosperity of our religious Society—by their love of our Holy Redeemer—to put away from them all that separate and again come into that unity which formerly existed, and is now so seriously interrupted. We believe, nay, we are entirely persuaded there is nothing now existing in our Society to justify their present position, nothing that should interrupt the ancient practices and the friendly relations that formerly existed between all the Yearly Meetings of Friends. Most earnestly do we desire to plead for the restoration of that brotherly love which once subsisted, and which is entirely essential to our prosperity as a branch of the Church of Christ.

To this Conference it appears entirely evident that for the accomplishment of what we so ardently desire the Yearly Meeting of New England should be recognized by Philadel-

phia and Ohio Yearly Meetings—the epistolary correspondence between them be again resumed—ministers travelling in the discharge of their high duties be received as in former days, and the rights of membership accorded to those who have not forfeited them in their respective Monthly Meetings, while the decisions of these Meetings in regard to those who have been disowned from religious fellowship should be respected—a want of unity with a Yearly Meeting to an extent, affecting the common privileges of individual members—while this unity is maintained, and these privileges are accorded to them by the great body of Friends, cannot long exist, and the Society continue one people.

If we could approach our friends of these Yearly Meetings, we would call their attention affectionately but solemnly to the consequences which we think they must see are impending. We would entreat them to unite with all the other Yearly Meetings in pursuing that course which has been indicated, and which we believe can alone prevent results that would be deeply to be deplored.

The subject is a momentous one, and it is with the friends of these two Yearly Meetings to determine whether the consequences which appear inevitable are to be endured by us all, or whether they shall happily be averted, and we continue as in ancient days, a united people—strengthening and edifying one another—and manifesting to the world an instructive evidence of the spirituality of the Gospel dispensation, and of the practical realities of the religion of Jesus as professed by our forefathers in the Truth.

We have also been brought into deep sympathy with those who feel the present state of things to be peculiarly oppressive to them—who mourn for the desolation of Zion, and yet see no way in which her waste places can be restored, or the breaches in her walls rebuilded. To these we would offer the language of encouragement, yet a little longer to abide in patience, trusting in the Lord. We would exhort them to cultivate towards their brethren the spirit of love,—and to exercise abundantly that charity that thinketh no evil, and that hopeth all things. The consolations of the Gospel are sufficient for every humble follower of Christ, and as we abide in Him, He will not fail to sustain, and to keep us. In this concern we are engaged for the members of all the Yearly Meetings. Let us abide in quiet and in stedfast adherence to our Discipline and the good order of the Church, not seeking to provide by temporary expedients for the removal of any difficulties that may arise under our present afflicted condition.

To our beloved young Friends we are aware that this is a season of peculiar trial and discouragement, and we would most affectionately call upon these to remember that the Truth changeth not. Forsake not we beseech you, the straight forward and plain path in which our fathers walked, and not be turned from your allegiance unto Christ by any strife of tongues. To Him we are to render our final account, and blessed be His name, He has graciously promised to those who confess Him before men, that He will confess them before His Father and the Holy Angels. Leave not we entreat you the safe enclosure—abide in patience and in hope. Keep fast hold of the shield of faith. Adhere steadfastly to the Truth in its simplicity, and let the work of Christ in your own hearts have free course—so will your peace abound. "Stand ye in the ways, and see and ask for the old paths, where is the good way and walk therein; and ye shall find rest to your souls."

This Conference has deeply regretted that the two Yearly Meetings to which we have referred are not here represented. An invitation was affectionately extended to them to unite in this measure with all the other Yearly Meetings under a hope that thereby we might be brought near together, and prove helpful one to another.

They are our brethren in a common faith, and in the support of the same testimonies of Truth, and ardently do we desire that the connection existing between us, may never be broken—but that we may be enabled in truth to say,—One is our Master, even Christ, and all we are brethren.

In those Yearly Meetings that appointed us, we cannot doubt that the course they have pursued in accordance with the discipline and good order of the Society in relation to the secession in New England, has proved preserving to their own members—and it is hoped that they will solidly consider the present situation of our religious Society, and seeking the direction of best wisdom, should they apprehend any further duty yet remains for them to perform towards their brethren, that they will be faithful in the discharge of it.

We have believed that the following portion of the document pepared by the United Committees of New England, New York, Baltimore, Virginia, North Carolina, Ohio and Indiana Yearly Meetings in 1833, and adopted by those several bodies, may again be profitably spread before our Yearly Meetings, viz:

"In regard to the setting up and laying down of Yearly Meetings, and what may be necessarily connected with such

transactions, we apprehend there is a general assent throughout the Society that some regulations touching these objects are demanded. We have no doubt that it is the prevailing sentiment in the different Yearly Meetings, that the body of the Society should be, in some way, consulted on such occasions.

If therefore it should be found that the subject has so long rested on the minds of Friends, as to have ripened into a conclusion, that no single Yearly Meeting should take a step of so much importance, if Friends are prepared (which we have no doubt is the case) when a Yearly Meeting is impressed with the belief that it would be proper for it to be divided, or for its own character as a Yearly Meeting to cease, to communicate their prospect to the other Yearly Meetings, and invite their participation in the concern. We do not apprehend that any injury will arise from our not proposing the *manner* in which that assistance may be afforded.

The several Yearly Meetings so invited will exercise their own discretion and freedom, whether to participate in the consideration or not, or whether in rendering their fraternal assistance, to do it by written communications or by committees to meet at the Yearly Meeting concerned, or elsewhere."

And, now, dear friends, in conclusion, we would commend us all to the holy keeping of our Heavenly Father. Let us abide in humility, and in single dependence upon Him, watching unto prayer. A state of humility is the only state of safety, and they that put their trust in the Lord shall not be confounded. "For thus saith the High and Lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the High and Holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones."

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Conference.

ELIJAH COFFIN, Clerk.

Baltimore, Md., 8th of 5th month, 1851.

MINUTES

OF THE

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HELD AT NEW GARDEN,

GUILFORD COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA,

By adjournments, from the 7th of the Eleventh month, to the 11th of the same, inclusive, 1853.

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AT North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends, held at New Garden, Guilford County, N. C., by adjournments from the 7th of the Eleventh month, to the 11th of the same, inclusive, 1853.

By the Reports received from the several Quarterly meetings, it appears that the following Friends have been appointed to represent them in this meeting, viz:

From the *Eastern Quarter*—Jonathan E. Cox, James Peelle, William Nicholson and Henry Copeland.

From the *Western Quarter*—Paris S. Benbow, Owen T. Lindley, Jose Hobson, Isham Cox, Nathaniel Woody, William Hockett, Alexander Clark and Mahlon Pickett.

From *New Garden Quarter*—Stephen Macy, John Ballinger, Nathan H. Clark, Reuben Starbuck, Thomas Starbuck and Thomas Benbow.

From *Contentnea Quarter*—William Cox, Needham T. Perkins, John B. Perkins, John Moore, William Edgerton, Jun. and Nathan Edgerton.

From *Lost Creek Quarter*—William H. Morgan, James C. Allen, John Hammer, Abraham Beales and David Jones.

From *Deep River Quarter*—John Carter, David Moffit, Abel Coffin, William Stanley, Solomon Vestal, John Maris, Winslow Davis, Joshua Bond and Nicholas Hutchins.

From *Southern Quarter*—Aaron Hill, Nicholas Barker, Calvin Jones and Thomas Cox.

Who being called, were all present, except Jose Hobson and Thomas Benbow, for whose absence satisfactory reasons were rendered.

John Carter and Abel Coffin are appointed Messengers to the Women's meeting.

John Russell and Nathan H. Clark, are appointed to attend to the several sittings of this meeting, with the view of keeping it select.

Our esteemed friend Jonah Hole, a minister, acceptably attended this meeting, and produced a Certificate of unity and concurrence from Alum Creek Monthly meeting of Friends, in the State of Ohio, held Ninth month 19th, 1853, endorsed by Alum Creek Quarterly meeting, held Ninth month 22nd, 1853.

Our esteemed friend John D. Lang, a minister, acceptably attended this meeting, and produced a Certificate of unity and concurrence from Vassalborough Monthly meeting of Friends, in the State of Maine, held Eighth month 17th, 1853, endorsed by Vassalborough Quarterly meeting, held Ninth month 9th, 1853.

Our esteemed friend William Pierson, a minister, acceptably attended this meeting, and produced a Certificate of unity and concurrence from Spring Creek Monthly meeting of Friends, in the State of Iowa, held Fifth month 7th, 1853, endorsed by Salem Quarterly meeting, held Fifth month 21st, 1853.

Our esteemed friend Isaac Jay, a minister, acceptably attended this meeting, and produced a Certificate of unity and concurrence from Mississinewa Monthly meeting of Friends, in the State of Indiana, held Ninth month 14th, 1853, endorsed by Northern Quarterly meeting, held Ninth month 17th, 1853.

Our esteemed friend Susan Howland, a minister, acceptably attended this meeting, and produced a Certificate of

unity and concurrence from New Bedford Monthly meeting of Friends, in Massachusetts, held Sixth month 23rd, 1853, endorsed by Sandwich Quarterly meeting, held Seventh month 7th, 1853.

Our esteemed friend Mary S. Watkins, a minister, acceptably attended this meeting, and produced a Certificate of unity and concurrence from Goshen Monthly meeting of Friends in the State of Ohio, held Ninth month 17th, 1853, endorsed by Alum Creek Quarterly meeting, held Ninth month 22nd, 1853.

Our esteemed friend Rebecca C. Winder, acceptably attended this meeting, and produced a copy of a Minute from Goshen Monthly meeting of Friends in Ohio, held 15th of Tenth month, 1853.

Our esteemed friend Asa Williams, acceptably attended this meeting, and produced a copy of a Minute from Goshen Monthly meeting of Friends in Ohio, dated Tenth month 15th, 1853.

Our esteemed friends Nathan Breed and his wife Mary E. Breed, acceptably attended this meeting, and produced a copy of a Minute from Salem Monthly meeting of Friends in the State of Massachusetts, held Eighth month 11th, 1853.

Our esteemed friend Benjamin Smith, acceptably attended this meeting, and produced a copy of a Minute from Three River Monthly meeting of Friends in Iowa, held 3rd of Eighth month, 1853.

Our esteemed friend Luke Thomas, acceptably attended this meeting, and produced a copy of a Minute from New Garden Monthly meeting of Friends in Indiana, held Tenth month 15th, 1853.

Our esteemed friend William Carman acceptably attended this meeting, and produced a copy of a Minute from Hector

Monthly meeting of Friends in New York, held Tenth month 12th, 1853.

We appoint William Nicholson, James Peelle, James Woody, Isham Cox, Charles Benbow and Abel Coffin, to prepare, as way may open for it, suitable returning Minutes for Friends in attendance from other Yearly meetings, and produce them to a future sitting.

We have received and read at this time, the General Epistle from London Yearly meeting, also one from the same meeting addressed to this. We have also received and read one from each of the Yearly meetings on this continent. These valuable documents, containing many weighty and important truths, have been a source of comfort and encouragement to us; and as our distant friends have been brought to our remembrance, we have been enabled feelingly to own that "one is our Master, even Christ; and all we are brethren."

We appoint the following Friends to prepare essays of Epistles, one for each of the Yearly meetings of Friends, and produce them to a future sitting, viz: William Nicholson, Timothy Nicholson, Jonathan E. Cox, James Peelle, James Woody, Isham Cox, Joshua Stanley, Mahlon Pickett, Paris S. Benbow, Joseph Wilson, Nathan H. Clark, Reuben Starbuck, John Russell, William Cox, Needham T. Perkins, John Moore, Thomas Kennedy, John Hammer, James C. Allen, David Jones, Aaron Elliott, Jonathan Harris, Daniel Martin, David V. Moffitt, William G. Johnson, John Carter, Joseph Newlin, Seth Barker, Nathan B. Hill, William Clark, William Morgan, Augustus E. White, Samuel D. Coffin, Elihu A. White, Hugh W. Dixon, William Tomlinson, Joseph Morris, John Newlin, Jr., Abraham Beales and William Stout.

John Russell and Joseph G. Wilson, are appointed to procure the reprint of 1500 copies of the London General

Epistle, produce them to a future sitting, and draw upon the Treasurer of this meeting for money to defray the expense.

We appoint the following Friends to settle with the different Treasurers accountable to this meeting—to propose what sum will be necessary to augment the stock, and to apportion the same amongst the Quarterly meetings; also to propose names for Treasurers for the ensuing year, and report to a future sitting, viz: Henry Copeland, James Peelle, Alfred H. Lindley, Alexander Clark, Charles Benbow, John Newlin, Elihu Coffin, John Russell, John B. Perkins, Nathan Edgerton, John Hammer, James C. Allen, John Hill, Nereus Mendenhall, Samuel Hill, William Clark and Jeremiah Piggott.

The several Quarterly meetings have forwarded to us the answers to the Queries. The Clerks are directed to prepare a summary of them, and produce it to this meeting to-morrow.

The Representatives are requested to propose to the meeting to-morrow, the names of suitable Friends to serve the meeting as Clerks.

The meeting adjourns to meet at 11 o'clock to-morrow.

Eleventh month 8th—Third-day of the week, the meeting met near the time adjourned to.

John Carter reports, that the Representatives unite in proposing Aaron Stocker for Clerk, of which the meeting approves, and appoints him accordingly; and Allen U. Tomlinson for Assistant Clerk, of which the meeting approves, and appoints him accordingly. The Representatives further propose, that Nathan B. Hill and William Nicholson be appointed to draw a fair copy of the Minutes, and have it in readiness by the close of the meeting, in order to facilitate the printing, should this be determined on by the meeting; with which the meeting unites.

The Clerks have produced the following summary of the Answers to the Queries, as directed yesterday.

Answer 1st.—Meetings for Worship and Discipline are pretty well attended by most Friends in all the Quarters;—a deficiency appears in attending those meetings held near the middle of the week in four of the Quarters;—in one Quarter there are some that seldom ever attend. Care is taken in three of the Quarters. The hour is pretty well observed, and unbecoming behaviour guarded against, except some appearance of drowsiness reported in one of the Quarters.

Answer 2nd.—Love and Unity are preserved in all the Quarters in a pretty good degree; some deficiency exists in this respect in four of the Quarters, in two of which some care is taken. Tale-bearing and Detraction are guarded against, and care taken to end differences when any appear. The Rules of Discipline are put in practice; though more care in this respect would be best in one Quarter.

Answer 3rd.—Plainness and moderation are observed by most Friends, though a deficiency in respect to dress and address, appears in some members in all the Quarters. One case of immoderate conduct is reported. Care is taken in the above respects in four Quarters. Friends are mostly concerned to train up their children in the principles of our Religious profession, and in the practice of reading the Holy Scriptures, and some restraints are used for the preservation of their offspring. Deficiency in these important points is reported in five of the Quarters—in two of which some care is extended.

Answer 4th.—Friends are mostly clear of the unnecessary use of intoxicating liquors, but deficiencies exist in all the Quarters except one. Care regarding this subject is reported in two of the Quarters: no complaint in the other portions of that Query.

Answer 5th.—Friends bear a testimony against War and an hireling Ministry, except one instance of a Friend's attendance at musters; and a few instances in six of the Quarters of Friends' attendance at meetings in which ministers are supposed to officiate for hire. Care is said to be taken in two of the Quarters.

Answer 6th.—Friends are clear in the several heads of that Query, except one instance of Slave-holding by heirship, and one of hiring a slave of her owner; both of which violations are under the notice of Friends.

Answer 7th.—Friends are clear in the several heads of that Query, except one instance of fraudulent transaction, and another of want of punctuality in the fulfilment of engagements; the latter of which is under notice.

Answer 8th.—The requisitions of this Query are attended to, except one instance of a child being placed from amongst us without consent of the Monthly meeting.

Answer 9th.—There are no law-suits amongst us.

The Articles of Advice have been read according to the directions of Discipline. They are mostly observed; but a fear is expressed, that Friends in one of the Quarters are not enough careful to keep Wills by them.

During the reading of the above summary, the meeting was introduced into much exercise and concern on account of the departure of many amongst us from the observance and faithful support of our various Christian testimonies, and the Clerks are directed to prepare and produce to the next sitting, a Minute which shall bring to the view of those of our dear Friends, who are not with us on this interesting occasion, the exercise and labor into which this meeting has been led during the consideration of the state of our spiritual health.

The Eastern Quarter reports the death of Sention Bundy, an Elder of Symons' Creek Monthly meeting, who departed

this life on the 15th of Second month, 1853, in the fiftieth year of his age, having filled the station of Elder nearly ten years.

New Garden Quarter reports the death of Mahlon Stanley, an Elder of Dover Monthly meeting, who departed this life the 12th of Second month, 1853, in the eighty-seventh year of his age, having filled the station of Elder over thirty years.

The Quarterly meetings have forwarded reports in regard to the use of Spirituous Liquors, from which the Clerks are requested to prepare a summary, and produce it to the next sitting of this meeting.

The meeting adjourns to meet again on Fifth-day morning, at eleven o'clock.

Eleventh month 10th.—The meeting convened near the time adjourned to.

The meeting received and read the Epistle from Friends in Dublin. The valuable counsel contained in it was satisfactory,—particularly that portion of it, advising an increased attention to the reading of the Memoirs and Writings of Friends, in preference to the light and trivial matter of the day.

This meeting received the Seventeenth Annual Report of New Garden Boarding School, which was read and is as follows, viz:

The Trustees in submitting this report, feel gratified that we are able to show a better state of the school than for some years past.

The whole number of Students that have been in the school the past year is 128, the average number is 61; 5½ were day scholars, 79 were members of our Society, 11 were the children of members, and admitted under the same rule; making 90 who were admitted under the original rule; while 38 were under the new rule.

The general health of the school has been good through the year, and the order of the school has in a good degree been observed.

The following statement nearly represents the financial condition of the Institution.

Claims, including interest against the school,		$5792 00
Amount due school, cash on hand,	$3516 71	
Goods, books and provisions on hand,	782 25	
Making,	$4298 96	
Balance of debt against school,		1493 04
Amount of debt last year,		1909 99
Less by error corrected,		135 00
Amount as corrected,		$1774 99
Less the balance of debt this year,		1493 04
		$281 95
Expended for furnishing house above ordinary expenses,		220 00
Showing a gain to the Institution in the year, of		$501 95

We are in receipt of a donation of $50 from two Friends in Ohio, the application of which is unrestricted. It has been placed in the Common Fund.

We feel concerned to address in this report the members of the Yearly meeting, in regard to the preparation of their children before sent to this school. We are often pained on seeing the children of Friends, sent here with clothing of a fashion and character that we consider entirely unsuitable to be worn in a Friends' school. And on inquiry we find that they are furnished with such clothing as their parents allow at home, and that they use such language, however inconsistent, as has been permitted by their parents in the family circle.

We feel that great responsibility rests upon us in con-

ducting this school according to the original design, and we consider it impossible for us to carry out the concern of the Yearly meeting and the founders of the Institution, while such a state of things exists among us.

We would now earnestly query with Friends, whether they can reasonably expect the Trustees to carry out and fulfil the duties imposed upon them, without the co-operation of Friends in this important matter—of training their children at home according to Friends' principles.

JOSEPH NEWLIN, *Clerk.*

Eleventh month 10*th*, 1853.

After the reading of the above report, there was a general expression of sentiment approving the same, and especially that portion of it addressed to the members of the Yearly meeting, in regard to the proper instruction and training of their children, and endeavouring, convincingly to impress upon their understandings, that these things were among the distinguishing Testimonies of the Society of Friends from the beginning, and that they have been found by the faithful to be as a hedge of preservation from many of the corrupting influences of the world. Parents therefore, before sending their children to, and children before entering the school, should feel religiously bound, not only in dress and address, but in all their conduct and conversation, to carry out the object contemplated in the establishment of this Institution.

The Committee continued at last Yearly meeting to solicit subscriptions to establish a permanent fund, report that they have obtained within the limits of the Southern Quarter, $1035 00; Deep River, $750 00; Western Quarter, $567 00; Eastern Quarter, $278 00; New Garden Quarter, $600 00; making in all $3230 00. Considerable interest was manifested on behalf of the cause, and it was agreed to re-commit the report to the same Committee, with

the addition of Timothy Nicholson, Augustus White, N. D. Woody, Joseph Dixon, S. D. Coffin, N. H. Clark, William Cox, John Moore, Abraham Beals, John Hammer, Joseph Johnson, Aaron Elliott, Elihu E. Mendenhall, Jonathan P. Winslow, William Clark, Himeleus Hockett, Lewis Starbuck, E. Morgan, William Stout and David Jones, who are to hold forth for further subscription during this evening and to-morrow morning, and report to the meeting to-morrow.

This meeting received the following report from the associated Committees of New York, Baltimore, North Carolina and Indiana Yearly meetings, which was read and approved by the meeting, and this Yearly meeting's Committee released.

At a Meeting of the Committees of the Yearly meetings of Friends of New York, Baltimore, North Carolina and Indiana,* in conference at Baltimore, in the Fifth month, 1853, the following report was adopted to be forwarded to each of the Yearly meetings represented.

DEAR FRIENDS :—

Having been appointed under a lively concern as we trust, to labor for the promotion of Truth, and for the restoration of harmony and unity in our beloved Society, our hearts have been bowed under a sense of our own weakness and unworthiness, and of our inability to do any thing as of ourselves. Earnest have been our desires, that we might be favored with best help, that we might be permitted to see clearly what was required of us, and how we might best fulfil the objects of our appointment.

In the review of the state of Society which has been brought before us at this time, and the course which has

* The Committee appointed by New England Yearly meeting informed us, that way did not open for them to attend.

been taken by the Yearly meetings represented in this conference, to remove the sorrowful condition of things which is acknowledged still to exist, we have been brought to the conclusion, that they have endeavored faithfully to discharge their duty towards their brethren of other Yearly meetings who differ from them, and that no way opens for this Committee at the present time to recommend any further labor in that direction, under the conviction, that we have labored to do all that has been required of us in the spirit of restoring love; let us be willing to leave the result in His hands, who ordereth all things according to the counsel of his own will; while we continue to dwell under the concern, ready to embrace every right opening which may present to labor in so good a cause.

Seeing that these things are so, dear Friends, let us turn our attention more carefully to our ownselves, and our own meetings; is there not a work for us to do at home? do not our own vineyards need to be cultivated? are we striving after that thorough change of heart, that entire dedication of soul, which are so necessary to qualify us to labor availingly, as "the repairer of the breach, the restorer of paths to dwell in." Does our love towards each other so abound that our examples, as well as words, give evidence of it? does a lively concern for one another's welfare in the Truth prevail? are our meetings the precious opportunities they are designed to be? and is the accuser of the brethren cast out? in all that we do, are we careful to keep the eye single? are we striving so to watch over our own spirits, as to guard ourselves and our friends from the entrance of any wrong thing among us?

Our sympathies have been awakened towards those of our dear Friends, within the limits of other Yearly meetings, who feel themselves burdened by the state of things around them; we desire for them, that they may dwell in patience,

seeking to know what is the Lord's will concerning them; that nothing be done without solid reflection, and that they may always be found to be the friends of good order, and the supporters of our Christian doctrines and testimonies, and discipline, willing to wait the Lord's time for their release, trusting that nothing shall be permitted to harm them, so long as they be followers of that which is good.

Closely united as we have been favored to feel in the exercises and travail which have prevailed during the sittings of this Conference, our hearts have been drawn out in love towards our absent friends, with fervent desires that grace, mercy and peace, may abound among them and us, and be our portion.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Conference,

HUGH BALDERSTON, *Clerk.*

Baltimore, Fifth month 10th, 1853.

The Standing Committee on Education made the following Summary Report, viz:

It appears from the Reports of the Monthly meetings,* as far as received, that the

No. of Children between the ages of 5 and 18 years, is	823
" " " " " 18 " 21 "	171
" Schools taught by male members of Society,	26
" " " female " " "	15
" " " by those not members, to which Friends' children have gone,	78
" " under the care of Quarterly meetings,	1
" " " " Monthly "	1
" Children that have gone to the Boarding-school the past year, ...	52
" over 5 years of age that are not receiving education, ...	8

* From two Monthly meetings no Reports were received.

We propose the following names to fill vacancies, viz: Ann Beals, in New Hope Monthly meeting, in place of Asenath Ellis, removed; Lucina Morgan, in Newbury Monthly meeting, in place of Jane Canaday, removed; David V. Moffitt, in Springfield Monthly meeting, in place of William G. Johnson, removed; Samuel D. Coffin, in New Garden Monthly meeting, in place of Isaac Clark, removed; Mary Coffin, in New Garden Monthly meeting, in place of Hannah Mendenhall, removed; Augustus E. White, in Symons' Creek Monthly meeting, in place of William Elliott, deceased; all of which we submit to the meeting.

ISHAM COX,
On behalf of Committee.

The Clerk produced a Summary Report on the use of Spirituous Liquors among our Members, which is as follows:

	Eastern Quarter.	Western Quarter.	New Garden.	Contentnea.	Lost Creek.	Deep River.	Southern.	Totals.
Use medicinally only	205	201	125	84	213	420	350	1598
Use otherwise . .	39	15	6	15	7	23	16	121
Not inquired of . .	5	0	0	9	17	0	24	55

After the reading of which, the meeting was introduced into exercise for the preservation of our members from the hurtful and demoralizing influence of this article. Quarterly and Monthly meetings are requested to extend their labors towards those among us, who are thus doing violence to our well known testimonies, and report to next Yearly meeting the number of those over 18 years of age—both male and

female—distinguishing between those who use spirituous liquors, only when administered as a medicine, and those who use them otherwise.

The meeting adjourned to meet again to-morrow morning, at 11 o'clock.

Eleventh month, 11th—The meeting assembled near the time adjourned to.

The minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings were read in this meeting, and by it approved, and the Clerk directed to sign them on its behalf.

The Committee appointed to examine and settle the accounts of the Treasurers of this meeting, made the following Report, viz:

We find in the hands of William Hockett, Western Treasurer, ...	$77.58
In the hands of Josiah T. White, Eastern Treasurer, ...	39.20
And in the hands of Aaron Hammer, Lost Creek Treasurer, ...	10.00

We propose the sum of $300 to be raised to augment our Yearly meeting stock, apportioned as follows:

Eastern Quarter, ...	$61.50
Western Quarter, ...	51.75
New Garden, ...	15.00
Contentnea, ...	30.00
Lost Creek, ...	18.00
Deep River, ...	62.25
Southern Quarter, ...	61.50
	$300.00

We propose Wm. Hockett for Western Treasurer; Josiah T. White for Eastern Treasurer; and Aaron Hammer for Lost Creek Treasurer.

We find in the hands of the Treasurer of the Common Fund, (a portion of which is unavailable,)	$1704.41
Interest received on the above, together with the amount received on the 10 years' subscription, and paid over since last year, . . .	$146.76

The time having expired for which the Notes were given that make up the above amount of $1704.41, we propose that the Treasurer be directed to endeavor to have them renewed on the same terms, or the principal paid.

We find in the hands of Allen U. Tomlinson, Treasurer of the Charitable Fund, . .	$1048.94
Interest received and paid over since last year, .	40.33
Also, he has received on the 10 years' subscription, (and paid over since last year), . .	29.00

All of which we submit to this meeting.

On behalf of the Committee,
A. H. LINDLEY, *Clerk.*

10*th of Eleventh month*, 1853.

Which Report is approved, the Treasurers appointed as therein proposed, and the sum of $300 directed to be raised as apportioned amongst the Quarters, and paid to the several Treasurers of this meeting.

The Committee appointed yesterday on the subject of a permanent fund, for the use of the Boarding school, report that they have succeeded in obtaining the sum of $6052, which, added to the $3223.30, reported yesterday, makes

$9275.30. This sum, added to the $1774.76 permanent fund already invested, makes the permanent fund of this meeting $11050.06. The permanent Charity Fund of this meeting is $1048, and we are informed that about $8000 are invested in Philadelphia for the same purpose. These sums make the permanent fund for the benefit of our Boarding-school, $20,098.06 The meeting appoints Jonathan E. Cox, Wm. Nicholson, Joshua Stanley, Alfred H. Lindley, Nathan H. Clark, Thos. Starbuck, Nathan Edgerton, Wm. Cox, John Hammer, David Jones, Jonathan Harris, David Hiatt, Nicholas Barker, and Micajah Hill, as Trustees, whose duty it shall be to collect the sums reported by the Committee on Subscriptions, hold the same in trust as a perpetual fund, and endeavor to keep it as secure as possible, collect the interest annually, and pay it over to Nathan B. Hill, who is now appointed by this meeting as Treasurer of said fund; and whose duty it shall be to pay over said interest to the Trustees of the Boarding-school, to be applied by them for its benefit, according to the original intention in the creation of this fund.

This meeting directs Nathan B. Hill and Wm. Nicholson to have 1200 copies of the minutes of this meeting printed and distributed amongst our members, and draw on the Treasurer of this meeting for funds to defray the expense.

The Committee appointed for the purpose of procuring a re-print of the London General Epistle, have produced them. The Representatives are directed to apportion them amongst the Quarterly meetings.

The Committee appointed at the first sitting of this meeting, to essay Epistles of Correspondence to the different Yearly meetings, have produced them. They were read, approved, and the Clerk directed to sign and forward them on behalf of this meeting.

The Clerks have produced the following Minute expressive of the exercise and concern into which this meeting was introduced when upon the consideration of the state of Society, which we direct to the notice of subordinate meetings.

To the Quarterly, Monthly, and Preparative meetings:

Dear Friends:—

During the reading of the Summary Answers to the Queries, and the investigation of the state of Society, much exercise and concern were felt on account of the departure of many of our members from the observance and faithful support of the various Christian testimonies that we, as a Religious Society, have been called upon to bear to the world from the beginning.

On this, as on former occasions, we have had to mourn over the loss that many of our members sustain, by the neglect of the attendance of our religious meetings, and Friends were very feelingly reminded, that a neglect of this most important and Christian duty, is almost invariably followed by other departures from our well known Christian testimonies; whilst on the other hand, if we perform this most reasonable service as those that must give an account, we shall, from season to season, know our strength to be renewed in Christ, our Holy Head. Thus a proper preparation of heart will be known, and qualification experienced, for the performance of every good word and work, for "They that are planted in the house of the Lord, shall flourish in the courts of our God; they shall bring forth fruit in old age."

The subject of Love and Unity, that distinguishing badge of discipleship, without the preservation of which no healthy state of society can exist, was feelingly brought to the view

of the meeting. Friends were reminded, that unless we keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, there will be but little growth in the Truth experienced amongst us; and the meeting was pained at finding deficiencies in this respect reported from some of the Quarters. The blighting and deadening influence of a want of unity upon meetings, families, and individuals, was very clearly pointed out, and spoken to in the authority of Truth, for "If a man love not his brother, whom he hath seen, how shall he love God whom he hath not seen." A deep solicitude was felt and expressed, that whilst contending for the support and maintenance of the various testimonies of our Religious Society, we might cultivate towards each other that spirit of charity which suffereth long and is kind, and worketh no ill to its neighbor. And as we come to know, in the line of our experience, the accuser of the brethren cast down, we shall realize the preciousness of that unity which was described by the Psalmist, "as the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore."

Plainness in dress and address, and moderation in conduct, were alluded to as distinguishing testimonies of our Society. It was weightily brought to the view of the meeting, that although adherence to any form of dress or address, would not make any of us experimental Christians, yet, inside goodness would produce a corresponding outside plainness and moderation in all things. And a lively concern was manifested, that Friends might be redeemed from the spirit of this world, and its changeable customs and fashions, and be enabled to build upon that foundation which alone standeth sure, having this seal, that "the Lord knoweth them that are his."

The meeting was, not only during the consideration of the state of Society, but at various times through its several sit-

tings, introduced into deep exercise and concern, that all our members, both elder and younger, might be preserved in the Divine fear, waiting, as humble penitents, at Wisdom's gate, with an eye single unto the Lord our righteousness, who is all things unto his Church and people, and who giveth liberally, and upbraideth none.

Signed by direction, and on behalf of North Carolina Yearly meeting,

AARON STALKER,
Clerk to the Men's meeting.
DELPHINA E. MENDENHALL,
Clerk to the Women's meeting.

The Committee appointed to prepare, as way should open for it, returning Minutes for our distant Friends that are with us, produced Minutes, expressive of the unity and satisfaction of the meeting with the company and gospel labors of John D. Lang, William Pierson, Jonah Hole, Isaac Jay, Susan Howland, and Mary S. Watkins. Also Minutes expressive of the satisfaction of the meeting with the company of William Carman, Luke Thomas, Asa Williams, Nathan Breed, Mary E. Breed, Rebecca C. Winder, and Benjamin Smith;—all which Minutes the Clerk was directed to sign, and furnish to the above individuals respectively.

The meeting having finished its business in harmony and brotherly love, we feel that we can do no less than acknowledge, that notwithstanding our many short comings, we have been favoured from season to season, in our several sittings, with the overshadowing of the wing of Heavenly Goodness; under a good degree of which, this meeting concludes to meet at the usual time and place next year, if the Lord permit.

AARON STALKER,
Clerk to the meeting.

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Of North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends, held at New Garden, the 6th day of the 11th month, 1854.

From the reports received from the several Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following Friends have been appointed representatives to this Meeting, to-wit:

From the Eastern Quarter—David White, Sen., John Peele, Rix Bundy, Henry Copeland and William Nicholson.

From the Western Quarter—Alexander Clark, William Hockett, Joseph Dixon, Thomas Hodgin, Parin S. Benbow and Owen T. Lindley.

From New Garden Quarter—Isaac Stanley, Richard Stanley, Joseph G. Wilson and Thomas Starbuck.

From Contentnea Quarter—Thomas Kennedy, Lazarus Pearson and William R. Perkins.

From Lost Creek Quarter—Aaron Hammer and Jacob Beals, Jun.

From Deep River Quarter—Mahlon Hockett, Jeremiah Piggott, Elihu E. Mendenhall, Jonathan Harris, Joseph Johnson, Thomas Benbow, Stephen Hobson and Joel Adams.

From Southern Quarter—David V. Henley, Micajah Hill, Sewell Farlow, Daniel Allen, Jonathan Stalker, Isaac Frazier and Nicholas Barker.

Who, being called, were all present except John Peele and William Nicholson, for whose absence sufficient reasons were rendered.

Jesse Henley and Elihu E. Mendenhall were appointed messengers to the Womens' Meeting.

Our esteemed friend, James Jones, a minister, acceptably attended this Meeting and produced a certificate of unity and concurrence from China Monthly Meeting of Friends in the

State of Maine, held 5 mo. 16th, 1854, endorsed by East Vassleborough Quarterly Meeting, held 5th mo. 26th, 1854.

Our esteemed friend, Samuel Boyce, a Minister, acceptably attended this meeting and produced a certificate of unity and concurrence from Salem Monthly Meeting of Friends in the State of Massachusetts, held at Lynn 8th month 10th, 1854; endorsed by Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Lynn 8th month 17th, 1854.

Our esteemed friend, Francis W. Thomas, a Minister, acceptably attended this Meeting and produced a certificate of unity and concurrence from New Garden Monthly Meeting of Friends in Wayne County, State of Indiana, held 8th month 19th, 1854; endorsed by New Garden Quarterly Meeting, held 8th month 26th, 1854.

Our esteemed friend, Bersheba C. Herendeen, a Minister, acceptably attended this Meeting and produced a certificate of unity and concurrence from Farmington Monthly Meeting of Friends, held at Farmington, State of New York, 9th month 11th, 1854; endorsed by Farmington Quarterly Meeting, held 4th of 10th month, 1854.

Our esteemed friend, Mary Thomas, a Minister, acceptably attended this Meeting and produced a certificate of unity and concurrence from Sugar Plain Monthly Meeting of Friends, held in Boon County, State of Indiana, 8th month 5th, 1854; endorsed by Concord Quarterly Meeting, held 8th month 26th, 1854.

Our esteemed friend, Hannah Peirson, a Minister, acceptably attended this Meeting and produced a certificate of unity and concurrence from Hartland Monthly Meeting of Friends, held in Niagara County, State of New York, 10th month 19th, 1854.

Our esteemed friend, Sarah M. Hiatt, a Minister, from Duck Creek Monthly Meeting Indiana, acceptably attended this Meeting.

Our esteemed friend, Daniel Williams, a Minister, acceptably attended this Meeting and produced a certificate of unity

and concurrence from West Grove Monthly Meeting of Friends, held in Wayne County, Indiana, 9th of 9th month, 1854.

Our esteemed friend, Daniel Shepherd, in company with Jas. Jones, acceptably attended this Meeting and produced a copy of a Minute from St. Albans Monthly Meeting of Friends, State of Maine, held 6th month 20th, 1854.

Our esteemed friend, Wm. Carman, assistant companion to Bersheba C. Herendeen, acceptably attended this Meeting and produced a copy of a Minute from Hector Monthly Meeting of Friends, in New York, held 10th mo. 11th, 1854.

Our esteemed friend, William Rees, assistant companion to Mary Thomas, acceptably attended this Meeting and produced a copy of a Minute from Sugar Plain Monthly Meeting of Friends, State of Indiana, held 8th month 5th, 1854.

Our esteemed friend, John Pool, acceptably attended this Meeting and produced a copy of a Minute from White Water Monthly Meeting of Friends, Indiana, held 9th month 20th, 1854.

Our esteemed friend, Jonathan Johnson, companion to Francis W. Thomas, acceptably attended this Meeting and produced a copy of a Minute from Cherry Grove Monthly Meeting of Friends, State of Indiana, held 14th of 10th month 1854.

Our esteemed friend, Catharine Elliott, companion to Mary Thomas, acceptably attended this Meeting and produced a copy of a Minute from Sugar Plain Monthly Meeting of Friends, State of Indiana, held 8th month 5th, 1854.

Our esteemed friend, Eliza B. Boyce, acceptably attended this Meeting and produced a copy of a Minute from Salem Monthly Meeting of Friends, State of Massachusetts, held 9th month 14th, 1854.

Our esteemed friend, Ashar Hiatt, from Duck Creek Monthly Meeting, Spiceland Quarter, Indiana, acceptably attended this Meeting, in company with his wife.

This Meeting appoints the following friends to prepare as way may open, suitable returning minutes for friends now in attendance from other Yearly Meetings and produce them to

a future sitting, to-wit. John Carter, Abel Coffin, Joseph Newlin, William Hockett and Jeptha White.

This Meeting has received and read the printed Epistle from the Yearly Meeting held in London, together with one from each of the following Yearly Meetings of Friends on this continent, viz., New England, New York, and Indiana. The salutary counsel and admonition therein contained have been satisfactory and edifying to us, encouraging us to believe that we shall be found to be one people wherever situated, if we keep in humble obedience to the requisitions of Truth.

John Russel and Joseph G. Wilson, were appointed to procure the reprint of 1500 copies of the London General Epistle for distribution among our members and produce them to a future sitting, also to draw on this meeting's treasury for funds to defray the expense.

The Clerk informed the Meeting that he had in his possession two communications purporting to be epistles from Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends, which were addressed to this Yearly Meeting; also that two similar communications addressed to this meeting, purporting to be epistles from Baltimore Yearly Meeting, were on the table. The following friends were appointed to take charge of said communications, and in conjunction with a similar committee appointed by the Women's Meeting, to examine them weightily and carefully, and endeavor to obtain all the information they could in regard to the matter under consideration, and to report to a future sitting which of the said documents were proper to be read and responded to by this meeting, to-wit: David White, Mahlon Hockett, Joshua Stanley, John Newlin, Jeremiah Pickett, Jeptha White, Charles Benbow, William G. Johnson, James Woody, Allen U. Tomlinson, Abel Coffin, Aaron Hammer, David V. Moffit, Nixon Henley, Daniel Barker, John Carter Joseph Newlin, Samuel Hill, David Farlow, and Thomas Kennedy.

Rix Bundy, Josiah Nicholson, Josiah T. White, Jas. Woody, Paris S. Benbow, William Hockett, Thomas Hodgin, Mahlon Pickett, Josea Hobson, Joseph G. Wilson, Dougan Clark, jun.,

Uriah Macy, Lazarus Pearson, Thomas Kennedy, Aaron Hammer, Thomas M. Jones, Jacob Beals, John Carter, Jos. Johnson, David Hiatt, Wm. G. Johnson, Jon. Harris, Wm. Gardner, Winslow Davis, John Hill, Wm. Clark, Simon Jones, Daniel Allen, Daniel Barker, Nicholas Barker, John Bond, Jeptha White, David Farlow and Nathan Egerton, were appointed to essay epistles of correspondence to the Yearly Meetings of London and Dublin; also to the Yearly Meetings of New England, New York and Indiana, from which meetings we have received and read epistles; and to such others as this meeting shall receive from and direct to be answered.

The following friends were appointed to settle with the different treasurers accountable to this Meeting; propose what sum will be necessary to augment the stock, apportion the same among the several Quarterly Meetings, propose names for treasurers, and report to a future sitting, to-wit; John Newlin, Jas. Woody, Henry Copeland, Jeptha White, Joseph G. Wilson, Reuben Starbuck, Wm. R. Perkins, Nathan Edgerton, Jacob Beals, Thos. M. Jones, Jon. Harris, Joseph Johnson, Micajah Hill, and Sewell Farlow.

A proposition was received from the Eastern and Deep River Quarters to revise and reprint a new edition of our Discipline. The Western Quarter proposes to alter the 4th query so as to read thus: "Are friends clear of the use of intoxicating liquors as a drink; also that the word "unnecessary" under the head "Moderation and Temperance" be stricken out—which was referred to the following friends, who are requested to take the matter into consideration and report their judgment to a future sitting, to wit; David White, Henry Copeland, Wm. Hockett, Alex. Clark, John Russel, Chas. Benbow, Thos. B. Cox, Lazarus Pearson, Jacob Beals, Aaron Hammer, Jon. Harris, Aaron Elliott, John Carter, Wm. Clark Joseph Newlin, Jesse Henly, Josea Hobson and Thomas Kennedy.

The Quarterly Meeting having produced the answers to the

queries, the clerks were directed to prepare a summary of them, and produce it to the Meeting to-morrow.

The representatives were directed to confer together and make choice of some suitable friend to serve the Meeting as Clerk, and also some friends as Assistant Clerks; and propose them to the Meeting to-morrow.

And the Meeting solemnly adjourns to meet again to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

Eleventh month 7th—Third day of the week, the Meeting met near the time adjourned to.

Jonathan Harris reports, that the representatives unite in proposing Aaron Stalker for Clerk, of which the Meeting approves, and appoints him accordingly; and Allen U. Tomlinson and Dougan Clark, Jr. for Assistant Clerks—of which the Meeting approves and appoints them accordingly.

The Clerks have produced the following summary of the Answers to the Queries, as directed yesterday.

Answer 1st—Meetings for worship and discipline are said to be attended by most Friends in all the Quarters, whilst others are deficient therein—three of the Quarters report a deficiency in the attendance of those Meetings held near the middle of the week: Care is said to be taken in two of them—one indulged meeting in one of the Quarters not kept up on all appointed days: Care is said to be taken. The hour is pretty well observed, and unbecoming behavior guarded against.

Answer 2nd.—Love and unity are preserved in all the Quarters in a pretty good degree; some deficiency in this respect is reported by four of the Quarters; care is said to have been taken in three of them. Tale-bearing and detraction guarded against, and care taken to end differences when any appear. The rules of our Discipline are mostly put in practice.

Answer 3d.—Plainness and moderation are observed by most friends, though many deviate therefrom in all the Quarters; care is taken in four of the Quarters. Friends are mostly concerned to train up their children in the principles of our religious profession, and in the practice of reading the

Holy Scriptures, and some restraints used for the preservation of their beloved offspring—some deficiency, however, is manifest in all the Quarters.

Answer 4th—Friends are mostly clear of the unnecessary use of intoxicating liquors, but dificiencies exist in three of the Quarters, which are under notice; no complaint in the other portions of that Query.

Answer 5th.—Friends bear a faithful testimony against War and mostly against an hireling Ministry; a few instances in one of the Quarters of Friends attendance at meetings in which ministers are supposed to officiate for hire.

Answer 6th.—Friends are clear in the several heads of that Query, except one instance of holding slaves by inheritance which is under the notice of Friends.

Answer 7th—Friends are clear in the several heads of that Query, except one instance of launching into trade by a Friend beyond his ability to manage, and another of want of punctuality in the fulfilment of engagements; which are under notice.

Answer 8th.—The requisitions of this Query are attended to, except one instance of a child being placed from among us without consent of the Monthly Meeting.

Answer 9th.—There are no law-suits among us contrary to discipline.

The Articles of Advice have been read according to discipline. They are mostly observed; but a fear is expressed, that Friends in one of the Quarters are not sufficiently careful to keep Wills by them.

During the reading of the above summary the Meeting was introduced into deep exercise and concern, on account of the many departures from our various Christian testimonies by some of our members. Many living testimonies were borne, bringing very forcibly to view the blessings, both spiritual and temporal, that have been, and ever will be, the portion of those who unreservedly devote their time and their all unto the service of their Divine Master.

The Clerks were directed to prepare and produce to next

sitting an epistle of advice to the Subordinate Meetings, embracing the exercise and concern of the Meeting, as expressed during the consideration of the state of society.

The Clerk produced a Summary Report on the use of spirituous liquors among our members, which is as follows:—out of 1750 members over 18 years of age, 1542 use spirituous liquors only as a medicine; 126 use them otherwise, and 82 not inquired of.

At the reading of which the Meeting was pained in observing that the number who use it has not been lessened since our last Yearly Meeting. Several impressive remarks were made, encouraging Friends to entirely forsake the use of so destructive an article,—one which has ever been productive of crime, misery, poverty and woe wherever introduced.

Quarterly and Monthly Meetings are requested to extend their labors of love towards those amongst us, who are thus weakening our well known testimonies, with the hope that we, as a people, may clear ourselves entirely of this pernicious article, and to report to next Yearly Meeting the number of those over 18 years of age—both male and female—distinguishing between those who use spirituous liquors, only when administered as a medicine, and those who use them otherwise.

The following proposition was received from the Eastern Quarterly Meeting, viz: "That the Quarterly Meeting be hereafter held at Piney Woods, in the fifth months, instead of Symon's Creek, and at Rich Square, in the eighth months, instead of Piney Woods." Which is united with by this Meeting and the change directed to take place accordingly.

The Eastern Quarter reports the death of Mary Jessup, an Elder of Piney Woods Monthly Meeting, who departed this life on the 19th of 10th month, 1853, in the sixty-second year of her age, having filled the station of an Elder nearly five years.

Lost Creek Quarterly Meeting reports the death of Sarah Beals, an Elder of Lost Creek Monthly Meeting, who departed this life on the 7th of 7th month, 1854, in the thirty seventh year of her age, having filled the station of an Elder five years.

Also, the death of Jane Lawrence, who departed this life on the 13th of 10th month, 1852, in the eighty-third year of her age, having filled the station of an Elder nearly seventeen years.

Also, the death of Zachariah Mills, who departed this life on 22nd of 11th month, 1852, in the seventy-seventh year of his age, having filled the station of an Elder seventeen years.

The Southern Quarterly Meeting reports the death of Martha Allen, a member of Holly Spring Monthly Meeting, who departed this life the 12th day of the 6th month, 1854, aged seventy-three years, six months and eight days, having filled the station of an Elder thirty-five years.

There was received and read in this Meeting, a memorial concerning our worthy Friend, Nathan Hunt, deceased, from Springfield Monthly, approved by Deep River Quarterly Meeting and the Meeting for Sufferings; which being approved by this Meeting it was directed to be recorded in the Book of Memorials, and that it be printed and attached to the minutes of this Meeting.

There was received and read in this Meeting, a Memorial concerning our deceased friend, Benjamin Anderson, from Springfield Monthly Meeting, approved by Deep River Quarterly Meeting and Meeting for Sufferings; which was approved by this Meeting and directed to be recorded in the Book of Memorials.

The Meeting adjourns to meet again on fifth day morning, at eleven o'clock.

Fifth day morning, Eleventh month, 9th.—The Meeting convened near the time adjourned to.

The Meeting received and read the Epistle from Friends in Dublin. The valuable counsel, therein contained, was satisfactory and edifying to the Meeting.

This Meeting received the Eighteenth Annual Report of

New Garden Boarding School, which was read and is as follows, viz:

The Trustees, in submitting this Report, feel grateful that we are able to state, that the condition of the School the past year has been better than for some years past; both as relates to the number of scholars and to the financial condition of the School.

There have 143 Students attended the School the past year; the average number was 72½. 10 were day Scholars; 94 were members of our Society; 49 not members.

The health of the family has been generally good, and the rules of School have in a good degree been observed.

The Financial condition of the Institution is nearly represented by the following statement:

Claims, including interest, against the School,			$7141 84
Amount due School, interest & cash on hand,	$5220 51		
Goods, books, provisions, &c.,	" 1016 31		
Making,	$6236 82		
Balance of debt against School,			905 02
Balance of debt last year,			1493 04
Less balance of debt this year,			905 02
Gain on transactions of the year,			588 02

It is proper to remark that doubtful debts are taken into accounts, and that the building, repairing and replenishing have been paid for out of finds of the current year. We have received a donation of $50 and 50 cents, for the benefit of the School; the application of which being unrestricted, we have placed it in the hands of the Treasurer of the Common Fund.

Which is submitted to the Meeting,

JOSEPH NEWLIN, *Clerk.*

Which, being read, was approved by the Meeting.

The Committee, to whom was referred the proposition from Eastern, Western and Deep River Quarters, report as follows:

We unite in recommending to the Yearly Meeting to adopt the alteration proposed by Western Quarter. in relation to intoxicating liquors, and that the Meeting re-print the Discipline, and embody in it such alterations as have been made since the last edition was issued, all of which we submit to the Meeting. On behalf of the Committee,

JOSEPH NEWLIN.

11th month. 9th.

Which report was approved by the Meeting, and Joshua Stanly, William Hockett, John Carter and Joseph Newlin were appointed to compile and prepare the book for the press, and procure the re-print of 1000 copies; also, to apportion

them among the Quarters, and draw on the Treasurer of this Meeting for money to defray the expenses thereby incurred.

The Standing Committee on Education made the following report, viz:

It appears from the Reports of the Monthly Meetings,* as far as received, that the

No. of Children between the ages of 5 and 18 years, is	724
" " " " 18 " 20 "	176
" Schools taught by male members of our society,	22
" " " female " "	17
" " " those not members. to which Friends' children have gone,	46
" " under the care of Quarterly Meetings,	1
" " " Monthly "	1
" Children that have gone to the Boarding School the past year,	33

On behalf of the Committee, PARIS S. BENBOW.
11th month 9th.

Which being read and considered was approved by the Meeting. Nathan Edgerton, Wm. Edgerton, Charity Edgerton and Elizabeth Edgerton, within the limits of Contentnea Quarter; Joel Adams, Wm. Macy and Mary Patterson, of Deep Creek Monthly Meeting; and Jane Jones, of Lost Creek Monthly Meeting, are appointed members of said Committee.

The Committee was requested to give more attention to the subject, so as to be able to make a full and comprehensive report to next Yearly Meeting.

The Committee to whom were referred the Epistles from Ohio and Baltimore Yearly Meetings, made the following report, viz:

The Committee to whom was referred the examination of the Epistles from each of the Yearly Meetings of Ohio and Baltimore, have proceeded to read them and deliberately consider the subject in its various relations, and are prepared to report to the Meeting, that from the reading and solidly considering of said Epistles and other documents in our possession, corroborated by the evidence of several Friends who were in attendance at Ohio Yearly Meeting, and therefore eye witnesses to some of the circumstances that led to a separation in that body, that we are united in the belief that the Epistles signed by Jonathan

* No reports have been received from New Garden, Contentnea, Deep Creek, Newberry and Lost Creek Monthly Meetings.

Binns and Jane M. Plummer, are the proper ones to be read and responded to by our Yearly Meeting, as coming from the true and proper Yearly Meeting of Ohio.

In thus recommending to the Meeting the reception of the Epistle from one of the bodies purporting to be the Yearly Meeting of Ohio, to the rejection of the other, the Committee think it will not be improper to mention some of the reasons that have brought them to the above conclusion.

It appears from evidence before us, that in the opening of that meeting, it was intruded upon by the presence of an individual who was not a member of the Society of Friends, which was strongly objected to, and remonstrated against by many concerned for the right maintenance of the Discipline and good order of society. If Thomas B. Gould (the individual alluded to) had been permitted to remain in his seat without objection, that meeting would have been silently recognizing a meeting of the Separatists of New England, of which he was a member, he having been disowned by Friends before a separation had taken place at New England Yearly Meeting.

The acting Clerk, Benjamin Hoyle, having identified himself with those who were encouraging the aforesaid individual in keeping his seat among them, very naturally created dissatisfaction in the minds of many, and an objection to his being re-appointed to that station; hence the representatives, when they conferred together, could not agree upon a name to recommend to the meeting as Clerk. A part of them, however, by next morning, had conferred together, and agreed to propose Jonothan Binns for Clerk and James B. Bruff for Assistant Clerk; a large number of the meeting expressed their approval of this report, and of the appointment of the Friends named, with but a few voices raised in objection:—We therefore consider them the duly appointed Clerks.

After this another of the Representatives informed the meeting that they could not agree upon names for Clerk and Assistant. Wherefore the acting Clerk at the table queried, if he made that report by direction of the Representatives, being answered in the affirmative Benjamin Hoyle made a minute continuing himself and the former Assistant as Clerks, without their names being proposed for that service by any of the Representatives or any other person. We look upon this as a self-made appointment, and out of the order and usual course of the Society; and therefore we cannot consent to recognise in our Epistolary Correspondence, that body which has sustained and gone with Benjamin Hoyle as their Clerk, and purporting to be Ohio Yearly Meeting.

The Committee have thus given some of the reasons (many others might be mentioned) in support of the course we have herein recommended, but deem further evidence and detail unnecessary.

In regard to the two Epistles from Baltimore, we are informed by both bodies, whose statements nearly coincide, that upon the Meeting approving the report of a Committee appointed to examine the two Epistles forwarded to them from Ohio, recommending the reception of

the one signed by Jonathan Binns as Clerk, a few Friends not uniting; when the meeting adjourned kept their seats and having since organized themselves as Baltimore Yearly Meeting, by appointing William Waring as their Clerk. We therefore propose that our Yearly Meeting read the Epistle signed by Richard H. Thomas and Julia Valentine as Clerks as coming from the Yearly Meeting of Baltimore.

In thus rejecting the Epistles signed by Benjamin Hoyle and Rachel E. Patterson from Ohio, and those signed by Wm. Waring and Elizabeth A Balderston from Baltimore, we do it in no spirit of unkindness, but under a settled conviction of duty, in promoting the good order of the Discipline and the Society at large.

We have no doubt that among them are many deeply concerned :— We, therefore, do not wish to give utterance to any expression which may tend to hurt the feelings of any ; but with earnest desires, hope they may well consider their course, and yet be induced to return and unite with their respective bodies, that those Yearly Meetings may become as they once were. Signed,

SAMUEL HILL,
JOHN NEWLIN,
ABEL COFFIN,
DAVID WHITE,
WM. G. JOHNSON,
NIXON HENLEY,
THOMAS KENNEDY,
DANIEL BARKER,
AARON HAMMER,
JEREMIAH PIGGOT,
JOSHUA STANLEY,
JOSEPH NEWLIN,
JOHN CARTER,
JAMES WOODY,
NATHAN EDGERTON,
DAVID V. MOFFITT,
DAVID FARLOW,
JEPTHA WHITE,
ALLEN U. TOMLINSON,
CHARLES BENBOW,
MAHLON HOCKETT,
RACHEL HENLEY,
RUTH STARBUCK,
REBECCA JONES,
PENELOPE GARDNER,
DELPHINA E. MENDENHALL,
ABAGAIL H. STANLEY,
ANNA BENBOW,
ACHSAH CARTER.

Which, being read and deliberately considered, was fully approved by the Meeting. The Clerk was directed to return those communications signed by Benjamin Hoyle and Rachel Patterson, of Ohio, and those from Baltimore signed by Wm. Waring and Elizabeth Balderston, to the individuals whose signatures they bear, together with a copy of the printed minutes of this Meeting.

After adopting the foregoing report, the Epistles from Ohio and Baltimore Yearly Meetings were produced and read to our satisfaction, and were directed to the care of the Committee on Essays.

The Clerks produced the following Minute, expressive, in a

degree, of the exercise and lively concern into which this Meeting was introduced when the State of Society was under consideration ; which we direct to be signed by the Clerks and forwarded to the Subordinate Meetings, viz :

To the Quarterly, Monthly, and Preparative Meetings:

Dear Friends : During the present sitting of our Annual Assembly, our minds have been brought into near unity and sympathy with all our members, wherever situated, and we have been made to desire, on your behalf, that you may be thoroughly rooted and grounded in the true principles of our Religion, and built up in the most Holy Faith. We feel that much deep heart-work is necessary before we are qualified rightly to maintain our various Christian testimonies. For the heart of man in its unregenerate state, is like a corrupt tree, totally unable to bring forth fruit to the glory of the Great Husbandman. And as our profession is, perhaps, higher than that of any other Christian Society, so the living up to that profession involves a greater amount of cross-bearing—a more thorough cleansing of the heart and weaning of the affections—a more complete death to the pleasures and lusts of the earth. Very important and momentous therefore, is the comprehensive inquiry, *What is the situation of the tree?* This inquiry has been to some extent answered in our investigation of the state of Society, and we are pained to find that though there are still sap, and life, and vigor remaining, yet the tree is not entirely healthy. Deficiences are reported from all our Quarterly Meetings, in regard to the regular attendance of Meetings, and we wish, Dear Friends, you could all all have been present and heard the labors that were bestowed upon that occasion by concerned and experienced Friends. We entreat those who are negligent in this particular, to consider with themselves whether if some temporal good could be obtained, some speculation made or interest advanced by going to meeting, they would not all regularly attend. And is not the salvation of the soul of gaeater importance than any temporal concern ?—And is not obedience to all our own duties necessary to this salvation ? And is not the regular attendance of meetings a primary and indispensable duty ? Oh! how much better is this simple obedience than all the riches of the earth. " Behold to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams." And we have been reminded too, that the Almighty " can bless a little and blast a great deal," and that even in a temporal point of view, we shall seldom, if ever, be the losers by a faithful attendance of our Religious Meetings. And by neglecting this duty we grow colder and colder in our attachment to religious truth, and are comparable to the tribe of old, upon whose dwelling it was declared a plague should rest ; because they refused to come to the Lord's appointed feast. We believe our two first queries comprise the two fundamental principles of christianity, love to God, and love to man. If these could always be answered with perfect clearness, we should have little cause of complaint in other re-

spects. Great deficiencies seem to exist in the maintenance of our testimonies in relation to plainness of speech, behavior and apparel, the improper use of intoxicating liquors and a hireling ministry. We feel to exhort you all to labor in your respective allotments for the removal of these deficiencies. Remember that all our testimonies form a continuous chain—if one link is severed the whole chain is broken. If we strictly adhereed to plainness of speech, behavior and apparel, we should seldom be seen at dram-shops or meetings where the ministers officiate for hire.

Dear Friends, let us be encouraged to greater diligence in the cause we have espoused, and greater zeal for the doctrines of Truth. Let us lay aside everything that hinders our progress, and let our beloved Society go forward on its mission—calling sons and daughters from afar—promoting the cause of truth and righteousness in the earth, and diffusing the glory of the Lord.

Signed by direction, and on behalf of North Carolina Yearly Meeting, by

AARON STALKER,
Clerk to the Men's Meeting.

DELPHINA E. MENDENHALL,
Clerk to the Women's Meeting.

The Minutes of Meeting for Sufferings were read in this Meeting and by it approved, and the Clerk directed to sign them on its behalf.

The following is a list of all the correspondents at present within the limits of Ohio Yearly Meeting :

For the Yearly Meeting—Isaac Parker, Greenberry; G. Plummer, Mount Pleasant, Jefferson County, Ohio, and Jesse Kenworthy, Brownsville, Fayette County, Pennslyvania.

Monthly Meeting Correspondents, in Redstone Quarter—David Miller, for Redstone and Providence Monthly Meetings, address, Brownsville, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, and Jesse Kenworthy, for Westland Monthly Meeting, address, same as last.

Short Creek Quarter—James Kinsey, for Short Creek Monthly Meeting, Mount Pleasant, Jefferson Co. Ohio; Mathew Watson for Smithfield Monthly Meeting Richmond, Jefferson Co. Ohio; George Smith, for Flushing Monthly Meeting, Smyrna, Harrison Co. Ohio.

Salem Quarter—Edward Jenkins for Salem, Middleton and Carmel Monthly Meetings. Address Salem, Columbiana Co.

Ohio; John Johnson for New Garden, Monthly Meeting—New Garden P. O. Columbiana Co. Ohio.

Springfield Quarter.—Benjamin Stanley for Upper Springfield Monthly Meeting, Damascoville, Columbiana Co. Ohio; James Enboss for Marlboro' Monthly Meeting, Marlboro' Stark Co. Ohio; Garret Pine for Sandy Spring Mo. Meeting East Rochester Columbiana Co. Ohio. And the Meeting solemnly adjourned to meet again to-morrow morning, at 11 o'clock.

Sixth day morning, 11th mo. 10th—The meeting met near the time adjourned to.

The committee appointed at a former sitting to settle with the several treasurers accountable to this Meeting, made the following report, viz.:

We find in the hands of Wm. Hockett, Western Treasurer, $87.18
In the hands of Josiah T. White, Eastern Treasurer, 25.70
And in the hands of Aaron Hammer, Lost Creek Treasurer, 13.00

Total, $125.88

We propose the sum of $350 to be raised to augment the Yearly Meeting stock, apportioned as follows:

Eastern Quarter,	$72.00
Western "	59.00
New Garden,	18.00
Contentnea,	35.00
Lost Creek,	21.00
Deep River,	73.00
Southern,	72.00
Total,	$350.00

We propose William Hockett for Western Treasurer, Josiah T. White for Eastern Treasurer, and Aaron Hammer for Lost Creek Treasurer.

We find in the hands of Joseph Newlin, Treasurer of the Common Fund, (a portion of which is not available,) $2004.91
Interest received on the above since last year and paid over to A. Stalker, Sup't. of the Boarding School, $151.41
We find in the hands of Allen U. Tomlinson, Treasurer of the Charitable Fund, $1048.94
Interest received and paid over to said Superintendent since last year, $70.78.
He has also received and paid over on the ten years subscription, last year, $23.75

All of which we submit in behalf of the Committee.
11th Mo. 9th, 1854. JAMES WOODY.

Which report was satisfactory to the meeting, and the treasurers appointed as therein proposed, and the Quarterly Meetings directed to raise the money as apportioned among them and pay it over to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

The Trustees of the Permanent Fund made the following report; viz:

That a part of us have taken bonds or money for most or all the sums in our hands, whilst a part of us have not taken either money or bonds and we wish the advice of the Yearly Meeting whether we persevere in taking bonds or not.

NATHAN H. CLARK,
On behalf of the Trustees.

11th month 10th, 1854.

Which being read and considered, they were encouraged to persevere and give proper attention to the subject, endeavoring to have it closed up, and report fully the situation of the Fund to next Yearly Meeting.

The committee appointed at a former sitting to prepare, as way might open, suitable returning minutes for Friends from other Yearly Meetings now in attendance with us, have produced the following for James Jones, and similar ones for Samuel Boyce, Francis Thomas, Daniel Williams, Bersheba G. Herendeen, Hannah Peirson, Mary Thomas, Sarah M. Hiatt, viz:

Our beloved friend James Jones, in the course of a religious visit in these parts acceptably atended this Meeting, and produced a minute of unity and concurrence from China Monthly Meeting, in the State of Maine, held 5th mo. 16th, 1854; endorsed by Vassalboro' Quarterly Meeting, held at East Vassalboro, 5th mo. 16th 1854, whose company and gospel labors have been satisfactory. The Committee also produced suitable minutes for the other friends (not ministers) in attendance with us.

The Committee appointed at the first sitting to procure the the reprint of the London General Epistle, have produced the required number of copies, which are directed into the hands of the Representatives who are instructed to apportion them.

among the Quarterly Meetings, and convey them down to the same.

The Committee appointed to essay Epistles of correspondence produced one for each of the Yearly Meetings on this continent and that of London. The Clerks were directed to make some verbal alterations in them, transcribe them, and forward them to their several places of address. The Committee having failed to prepare an Essay for Dublin, the clerks were directed with the assistance of Nathan H. Clark, to prepare one ,sign it on behalf of this Meeting, and forward it to that Yearly Meeting.

The clerks are directed to have 1000 copies of the minutes of this Yearly Meeting printed, apportion and forward them to the several Quarterly Meetings, and draw on the Treasurer of this Meeting to defray the expense. And the Meeting having finished its business, and brought its various deliberations to a close, in harmony and brotherly love, concludes to meet again at the usual time and place next year, if the Lord permit.

AARON STALKER,
Clerk to the Meeting this Year.

APPENDIX.

Testimony of Springfield Monthly Meeting, concerning our beloved Friend, Nathan Hunt, deceased.

From a regard for the memory of this our dear friend, and the lively recollections we have of his fervent religious engagements and pious labors amongst us, we feel engaged to preserve a brief Memorial concerning him, in the hope that it may prove instructive and encouraging to survivors to contemplate the course of one who was so much devoted to the service of his Divine Master.

He was born in the verge of New Garden Monthly Meeting, Guilford County, North Carolina, the 26th of the 10th month, 1758. His parents were William and Sarah Hunt, both members of the Society of Friends, the former a minister of the Gospel.

According to his own account, he was in early life made sensible of the tendering visitations of the love of God, notwithstanding he was naturally of a lively and volatile disposion and in some measure given to lightness. When about seventeen years of age he had a reaching

visitation, and a renewed view of being called to the ministry; but, for want of faithfully abiding under the solemn impression, he gradually again partook in associations with jovial companions. But he experienced frequent renewals of those solemn impressions, giving him a ground of hope, that, notwithstanding his remissness, he was not forsaken. He was mercifully preserved, even in his greatest departure, from gross evils, or a departure from the peculiarities of the Society of Friends in relation to speech and apparel.

He was united in marriage to Martha Ruckman, in the twentieth year of his age, and soon after he was closely tried by the sudden death of his mother.

About this time, the Revolutionary War coming on, he experienced much privation by being robbed of his horses, cattle, and other property, leaving him almost destitute of the necessary means of subsistence; all of which he bore with christain fortitude.

His first appearance in the ministry was in the twenty-seventh year of his age, when he spake a few words in a meeting in the State of Tennessee. Thus he continued, speaking a few words at a time, for about two years—his ministry carrying the evidence that it was in the power of truth.

In the thirty-first year of his age he experienced another severe trial, by the death of his beloved wife. Being thus left with the sole charge of six small children, in which situation he remained more than three years, when he was united in marriage to Prudence Thornburgh. Shortly after which he removed and settled at Pine Woods Meeting, within the verge of Springfield Monthly Meeting, where, in the thirty-fourth year of his age and in the year 1792, he was acknowledged as a minister of the Gospel, and from that time to 1796 he frequently attended the neighboring meetings, where his labors were satisfactory and edifying. His first travel as a minister was to South Carolina and Georgia, in the year 1796.

He being under deep exercise of mind on account of leaving his family, who were dependent on him, he has been heard to say, on that occasion, that while following his plow, he heard a voice distinctly say to him: Go, and thou shalt lack nothing, and thy family shall be cared for in thy absence. The impression was so convincing that he instantly gave up, accepting it as an intimation from the Lord that he would make way for him. In the year 1797 he obtained a minute of unity and concurrence to appoint meetings Westward as far as Lost Creek, in the State of Tennessee. In the year 1798 he obtained a certificate, liberating him to perform a religious visit to Friends and others in the Northern and Eastern States, which visit he performed in the following year. In the years 1801, 1802 and 1803, he was engaged in attending and appointing meetings within the limits of North Carolina Yearly Meeting, and in attending Virginia Yearly Meeting and some of the Meetings belonging thereto. In the year 1804 he obtained a certificate and performed a religious visit to the inhabitants of the Northern and Eastern States. In the year 1805 he was engaged in visiting the Western Quarterly Meeting and appointing some

Meetings adjacent thereto. Also, attended Baltimore Yearly Meeting and some Meetings in Maryland and Virginia. From 1805 to 1810 he was mostly engaged in visiting meetings belonging to North Carolina Yearly Meeting, and appointing meetings within the limits of the different Quarterly Meetings, and some out from amongst Friends. In the year 1810 he obtained a certificate liberating him to perform a religious visit to the inhabitants of Western Virginia, the Middle States, some Indian tribes, Canada and the Eastern parts of New England; which visit he performed in the year 1811. In this year he removed from Pine Woods, and settled near Springfield, in Guilford County, of which Monthly Meeting he continued a member during the rest of his life. From 1811 to 1814 his religious services were within the limits of North Carolina Yearly Meeting in attending meetings, visiting families, and appointing meetings from amongst Friends. In the year 1814 he obtained a certificate and performed a religious visit to friends in parts of Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana, and in the year 1815 he performed a religious visit to the inhabitants of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Virginia and elsewhere.

During the years 1816 and 1817, he was mostly engaged in appointing Meetings in the adjacent neighborhoods, and attending the Western and Westfield Quarterly Meetings

In the year 1818, he obtained the necessary certificates liberating him to perform a religious visit to Friends and others in Great Britain and Ireland, but in consequence of affliction in his family, he was prevented from performing said visit until the years 1820 and 1821, in which years that service was accomplished.

From 1822 to 1831, his religious services were mostly within the limits of North Carolina Yearly Meeting, during which time he twice visited Bush River Meeting in South Carolina, and once to Newberne and Beaufort.

In 1831, being under appointment from the Yearly Meeting to attend Virginia Yearly Meeting, and a General Conference of Friends in Philadelphia, he obtained a certificate and performed a religious visit to the Yearly Meetings of Virginia, New England and Ohio, and appointed meetings on his way going and returning. From all these visits he returned with satisfactory testimonials of the unity of Friends among whom he traveled.

In the year 1832, he obtained a certificate to perform a religious visit to Indiana Yearly Meeting and some of the meetings constituting it, but on account of bodily infirmity he was unable to perform the visit.

From this time he travelled but little from home; but often attented in Truth's service the Meetings in the adjacent country, and while at Raleigh, under appointment from the Yearly Meeting, he appointed a Meeting in that City.

It may be proper here to remark, that on the 27th of 7th mo. 1829, he experienced another affecting dispensation in the death of his beloved wife, after which he continued to reside with his son Thomas, until the year 1848, when he went to reside with his son-in-law,

Joshua Stanly, at Centre. He was ever diligent in the faithful attendance of his Religious Meetings, wherein he was often led to labor in the power of Truth. In the latter years of his life, through age and infirmity he was unable to attend Religious Meetings, yet, he was green in old age, enjoying the company of Friends, and instant in exhorting his children and all who came to visit him, to improve time while they had it, in attending to the still small voice in their own hearts, acknowledging that Truth had been his shield and buckler, his bow and battle-axe, through the many tribulations that had fallen to his lot.

He was sound in doctrine; his Ministry was profound, deep, and searching, to the awakening and arousing of the lukewarm; but as the oil and the wine to the rightly exercised. And having himself drank deep of the cup of adversity, he was ever ready to speak a word in season to those who were weary and heavy laden.

He was faithful in the maintenance of the Discipline of the Church, and active in the transaction of all business relating to it. He was ever ready to advise and counsel those who were laboring under discouragements, and prompt in reproving all manner of disorder and to labor with offenders in the love and meekness of a christian. Of him might well be adopted the language as of "Enoch, "that he walked with God." In the midst of his varied engagements, he was especially careful not to neglect the primary duty of private retirement for prayer and self-examination. In his private walks he was ever ready to advise and admonish those with whom he associated. He was kind, affectionate, and easy in his manners, scrupulously careful properly to use the plain Scripture language in all his conversation. He was remarkable for his liberality and charitableness in all the private walks of life. He was an ardent admirer of proper and useful education, and liberal in the support of schools. For although he by no means acknowledged the necessity of human learning as a qualification for the Ministry, or any other station in the Church, yet he believed it highly important that all the powers of the mind, both intellectual and moral, should be duly trained and cultivated; and feeling the need of education himself he was the more earnest in his efforts to procure for the rising generation those advantages which had been withheld from him. He from the first, took a deep interest in the establishment and maintenance of our Boarding School, and after the Institution went into operation he was frequently there exhorting both the Officers and Students to a proper discharge of their respective duties, and we believe the influence he exerted at such times has not been without its effect on the subsequent character of those who were thus privileged to associate with him. He was much concerned in the latter part of his life to exhort his children and friends to faithfulness in improving the time and talents committed to their trust.—He evinced a great concern for the welfare of the Church, and for the preservation of society, that it might not slide into the vain customs, maxims and favors of the world. And after having stood more than sixty years as a Minister, a faithful watchman and as a father

and pillar in the Church, he laid down his head in peace, and doubtless is gathered with the righteous of all generations, whose example seems to say to survivors, come follow me as I have endeavored to follow Christ.

His last sickness was of a very distressing nature, being a Cancerous Tumor, which had been for several years past making its appearance at times on the side of his face. A few months previous to his death, it assumed a very malignant character, causing extreme pain and most trying restlessness, so that he was unable to sleep much; yet frequent ejaculations were heard from him, and short sentences, showing where his mind was centered. He said he should "be with Moses and the Lamb," and called for his good Shepherd to come and take him away.

And on second day morning the 8th day of 8th month, 1853, he quietly passed away, as going into a sweet sleep, and on 4th day the 10th of the month, his remains were conveyed to Springfield, on which occasion a meeting was held, which was attended by a large concourse of people, after which he was interred in Friends' burying ground there. He was, at the time of his death, in the 95th year of his age.

The foregoing Memorial concerning our beloved friend, Nathan Hunt, deceased, was received and read in this Meeting and approved, and the Clerks directed to sign it on behalf of this Meeting and forward it to the ensuing Quarterly Meetings

Extracted from the Minutes of Springfield Monthly Meeting, held —— month ——, 1853. SOLOMON VESTAL, MIRIAM JOHNSON, } Clerks.

The foregoing Memorial, concerning Nathan Hunt, deceased, was read in this Meeting and approved, and the Clerks directed to sign it on behalf of this Meeting and forward it to the Meeting for Sufferings.

Extracted from the Minutes of Deep River Quarterly Meeting, held 10th month 17th, 1853. A. U. TOMLINSON, BEULAH CARTER, } Clerks.

The above Memorial was received and read in this Meeting and by it approved, and directed to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting.

Extracted from the Minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings, 11th mo. 3rd 1854. A. U. TOMLINSON, Clerk.

MINUTES OF

NORTH CAROLINA

YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS,

HELD AT NEW GARDEN,

1855.

Minutes

Of North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends, held at New Garden the 5th of the 11th month, 1855.

By the reports received from our Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following Friends have been appointed representatives to this Meeting, to wit:

From Eastern.—Joseph R. Parker, Thos. Peele, Jonathan E. Cox, David White, jr. and Edwin G. Copeland.

From Western.—Jose Hobson, Joshua Stanly, Paris S. Benbow, Isham Cox, Nathaniel Woody and John Dixon.

From New Garden.—John Russell, Samuel D. Coffin, Nathan H. Clark, Reuben Starbuck and Richard Stanly.

From Lost Creek.—Jacob Ellis, Thomas M. Jones, Abraham Beales, and Ephraim Lee.

From Contentnea.—Mecajah Cox, Thomas Hallowell, Jesse Coleman, Jesse Hallowell, William Edgerton, William E. Davis, William Perkins and Robert Perkins.

From Deep River.—Mahlon Hockett, Elihu E. Mendenhall, John R. Guier, Winslow Davis, Thomas Benbow, Joshua Bond and John Carter.

From Southern.—William Hammond, Nathan B. Hill, Jonathan Stalker, David Davis, sen., Newton Newlin and Nicholas Barker.

Whose names being called, were all present except four, for the absence of whom sufficient reasons were assigned.

We had at this Meeting the acceptable company of our beloved Friends, Benjamin H. Jones from Salem Monthly Meeting, Massachusetts, Elizabeth Gifford from Sandwich Monthly Meeting, Massachusetts, Edith Griffith from Redstone Monthly Meeting, Pennsylvania, and Rebecca T. Updegraff from Short Creek Monthly Meeting, Ohio, Naomi Coffin from White Water Monthly Meeting, Indiana, Anna Thornburg from Walnut Ridge Monthly Meeting, Indiana, and Jane Young from West Lake Monthly Meeting, Canada West; all of whom produced certificates from their respective Monthly Meetings, which were read, expressive of unity with them as Ministers and with their present religious engagements.

We had also the acceptable company of our beloved Friends, Nathan Breed, who accompanied Benjamin H. Jones. David K. Akin and Betsey Akin, companions to Elizabeth Gifford. Amos Griffith, companion to his wife Edith Griffith. David Updegraff, companion to his wife Rebecca T. Updegraff. Elijah Coffin, companion to his wife Naomi Coffin. Jane Johnson and Solomon Macy com-

panions to Anna Thornburg, and Edward Cronk, companion to Jane Young; who presented satisfactory testimonials from their respective Monthly Meetings.

The following Friends were appointed to prepare and produce to a future sitting suitable returning minutes for Friends in attendance, with certificates and copies of minutes from other Yearly Meetings, viz: John Newlin, Nathan B. Hill, Thomas Peele, John Russell, Jesse Coleman, Thomas M. Jones and Elihu E. Mendenhall.

The London printed Epistle for 1855, was laid before us and read, and was comforting and edifying to us, and in order that the families within our limits may have the opportunity of perusing it and of commending its interesting and instructive contents to their serious attention, John Russell and Samuel D. Coffin are appointed to have 1000 copies re-printed and produce them to a future sitting. Interesting and acceptable Epistles addressed to us by our dear brethren of the Yearly Meetings of London, New England, New York, Baltimore, Ohio and Indiana, were received and read, and we renewedly felt that this annual correspondence between those professing the same faith as conducted under right direction, is very precious, and calculated to strengthen the bonds of christian brotherhood and love, and we appoint the following Friends to take the same into consideration and as way opens for it prepare essays of reply on behalf of this Meeting, and also one for Dublin, and present them to a future sitting, viz: David White, Joseph R. Parker, William O. White, Isham Cox, Alfred H. Lindley, John Thomson, William Hockett, John Dixon, William Hockett, jr., Nathan H. Clark, John R. Hubbard, S. D. Coffin, Reuben Starbuck, Jesse Coleman, Jesse Hollowell, William Edgerton, John Hackney, Thomas M. Jones, Jacob Ellis, David Hiatt, J. Carter, D. V. Moffitt, Elihu E. Mendenhall, W. Davis, J. Picket, N. B. Hill, Joseph Newlin, David Farlow, Wm. Clark, Wm. Jones, S. Jones, J. Farlow, J. A. White, L. Starbuck, N. Cox, William Nicholson, H. F. Stuart and E. Barker.

There was also presented to this Meeting an Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of Philadelphia. This Meeting being introduced into exercise in relation thereto, appoints John Carter, W. Hockett, J. Newlin, S. Hill, Wm. Nicholson, Micajah Cox, C. Benbow, A. Elliott, Joseph Newlin, A. H. Lindley, N. B. Hill, M. Hockett, N. Henley, and David Farlow, to take said Epistle and examine it and report their sense and judgment thereon to a future sitting.

Thomas Peele, Elihu Mendenhall, David White, jr., J. R. Parker, John Newlin, J. Hobson, N. H. Clark, R. Starbuck, J. Hollowell, M. Cox, W. Edgerton, N. Mills, A. Beales, D. V. Moffitt, A. Stuart, M. Hill and N. Barker, were appointed to settle with the several Treasurers accountable to this Meeting, propose what sum should be raised to augment the Yearly Meeting's Stock, apportion the same among the Quarters; also propose suitable names for Treasurers and report to a future sitting.

The following proposition was laid before this Meeting from Lost Creek Quarterly Meeting, viz: To strike out that clause of the Dis-

cipline—"No Monthly Meeting is to permit any Marriage to be proposed therein sooner than one year after the decease of a former wife or husband." T. Peele, J. Parker, J. Pickett, N. Woody, T. Starbuck, J. Russell, T. Hollowell, J. Coleman, J. Hackney, T. M. Jones, W. Davis, A. Elliott, W. Clark and A. Hill, were appointed to take in consideration and report their sense and judgment to a future sitting.

The Quarterly Meetings severally produced the answers to the queries. The Clerks were directed to prepare a summary of them and produce them to the Meeting to-morrow.

The representatives were directed to meet at the rise of this sitting, confer together and make choice of some suitable Friend to serve the Meeting as Clerk and Assistant Clerks, and propose them to the Meeting to-morrow. The meeting adjourned to meet again at 11 o'clock.

Third day morning, 11*th month*, 6*th*.—Friends met pursuant to adjournment.

J. Carter, on behalf of the representatives, informed the meeting, that they had consulted together and were united in proposing Aaron Stalker, for Clerk, and A. U. Tomlinson and N. B. Hill for Assistant Clerks, which, being approved by this Meeting they are accordingly appointed for the ensuing year.

This Meeting appoints Nathan H. Clark, David Hiatt, John Hill and John Russell, to attend to the orderly sitting of this Meeting and endeavor to keep it select.

The Clerks as they had been directed, produced a summary of the answers to the queries.

Answer 1st.—Meetings for worship and discipline are pretty well attended in all of the Quarters and in five of them by the greater part; mid-week meetings are small in three of the Quarters; there are some Friends seldom seen at meeting in two of the Quarters. Some care is taken in three of the Quarters. The hour pretty well observed in all of the Quarters; unbecoming behavior guarded against.

Ans. 2nd.—Love and unity are maintained in a pretty good degree in four of the Quarters; some deficiency exists in the other three. Care is taken to end differences when any appear, and the rules of our Discipline mostly put in practice.

Ans. 3d.—Plainness and moderation kept by most Friends in all of the Quarters, yet some deficiency in all; care is said to be taken in two of the Quarters, more care is said to be needful in three of the Quarters. Some care is said to be taken by those who have children to train them up in the principles of our religious profession of reading the Scriptures; and in all of the Quarters, some restraints are said to be used for their preservation.

Ans. 4th.—Friends are said to be mostly clear of the unnecessary use of intoxicating liquors, except a few cases in five of the Quarters who use it otherwise than as a medicine, and in one of the Quarters, of using it to excess, which is under notice; the other parts of that Query, are said to be clear in all of the Quarters.

Ans. 5th.—Friends are said to bear a testimony against War in all of the Quarters, except one instance of encouraging a personal combat in one of the Quarters, which is under notice. Friends bear a testimony against a hireling Ministry, in five of the Quarters; some complaints exist in two of the Quarters of some Friends attending places where ministers are said to officiate for hire.

Ans. 6th.—Friends appear to be clear in the several heads of that Query, except a few cases of slaves held by heirship which is under notice; and in one instance of one being held under peculiar circumstances in one of the Quarters.

Ans. 7th.—Friends are said to be clear in the several heads of that Query, except one instance of being connected with fraud; and one instance of not fulfilling engagements.

Ans. 8th.—Friends appear to be careful in the several heads of that Query, except one instance of a child being placed from amongst Friends without consent of the Monthly Meeting.

Ans. 9th.—Friends are said to be clear under the particular heads of that Query, except one case of a law-suit, which is under notice.

The Articles of Advice are said to have been read and in some degree attended to by all the Quarters, except a fear that is said to exist in one of the Quarters, that they are not as well attended to in every particular as would be best.

During the reading of the above summary the Meeting was introduced into deep exercise, on account of deficiences still existing among us, and living testimonies were borne, bringing very forcibly to view the blessings, both spiritual and temporal, that have been, and ever will be, the portion of those who unreservedly devote their time and their all unto the service of their Divine Master.

The Clerks were directed to prepare and produce to a future sitting an epistle of advice to the Subordinate Meetings, embracing the exercise and concern of the Meeting, as expressed during the consideration of the state of society.

The following reports were received from the Quarterly Meetings concerning deceased Ministers and Elders:

From New Garden, Miriam Swain, a member of New Garden Monthly Meeting, departed this life on the 11th day of 11th month, 1854, in the 78th year of her age, and had filled the station of Elder about 22 years.

Dougan Clark, sen., a member and minister of New Garden Monthly Meeting, departed this life the 23d of 8th mo., 1855, in his 72nd year.

Lost Creek—Matilda Allen, an Elder of Newberry Monthly Meeting, departed this life the 20th of 4th mo., 1855, in the 38th year of her age, having filled the station of Elder about 4 years. Sarah Lee, a member of Newberry Monthly Meeting, departed this life the 6th of 7th mo., 1855, aged 67 years, having filled the station of Elder 37 years.

Robert Pearce, a member of Lost Creek Monthly Meeting, deceas-

ed, the 3d of 4th mo., 1855, in the 77th year of his age, having filled the station of Elder 34 years.

Deep River—Jesse Moore, a member of Deep River Monthly Meeting, deceased, the 25th of 9th mo., 1855, in his 78th year, having filled the station of Elder 48 years.

Margaret Millikan, a member of Springfield Monthly Meeting, deceased, the 22d of 12d mo., 1854, in her 72d year, having filled the station of Elder 17 years.

The Clerks produced a summary of the reports from the several Quarterly Meetings on Spirituous Liquors, which is as follows :— Out of 1,781 members over 18 years old, there are 1,579 who use ardent spirits only as a medicine and 118 who use it otherwise, and 84 not inquired of; during the consideration of which the meeting was introduced into exercise on account of the deficiencies exhibited.— Subordinate meetings are directed to continue their labors for its removal from amongst us and to report to next Yearly Meeting the number of those over 18 years, male and female, distinguishing between those who use it and those who use it not.

The Committee to whom was referred the proposition from Lost Creek, produced the following report, viz :

We have conferred together and are united in the opinion, that the discipline on the subject referred to us, should remain as it is.

Signed, JOSEPH R. PARKER.
On behalf of the Committee.

Which was approved by the Meeting.

Adjourned to 11 o'clock on fifth day.

The Meeting received a Postscript to the Epistle from Indiana Yearly Meeting, which is as follows :

Five of our Quarterly Meetings, to wit : White Lick, Blue River, Western, Union and Concord, having requested the privilege of holding a Yearly Meeting, a committee of men and women Friends was appointed by our Yearly Meeting last year to visit said Quarterly Meetings, on account of their request.

We have at this time received a favorable report, and the subject having been weightily considered by this Meeting, the report has been fully united with, and the sense and judgment of this Meeting is that the request be granted ; the new Yearly Meeting to be called "Western Indiana Yearly Meeting," and be established at or near Plainfield Indiana, and be held on second day after the third, first day in 9th month, the Meeting of Ministers and Elders, on the seventh day preceding, and be opened in the year 1858. We now lay the subject before you, requesting your judgment in the case, and that you will take such steps as may appear to you to be right.

ELIJAH COFFIN, *Clerk.*

Which being read was taken into weighty consideration in relation to its general bearing upon the society at large, and resulted in the general expression of opinion in favor of the step taken by said meeting.

The Clerk is directed to append the substance of the foregoing minute to our epistle to Indiana Yearly Meeting, and sign it on behalf of the meeting.

The Committee to whom was referred the communication received at the 1st sitting from Philadelphia, produced the following report.

To the Yearly Meeting now sitting.

The Committee appointed to examine the Epistle received from the late Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, and to consider the whole subject connected with it, report that we are united in the judgment that the said Epistle should be read for the information of the Meeting. Furthermore in accordance with the request contained in said epistle, we have reviewed the proceedings of our Yearly Meeting of last year, in relation to the separation in Ohio Yearly Meeting, and are thoroughly satisfied of the rectitude of those proceedings. Finally we are fully united in the opinion that our Yearly Meeting cannot consistently hold further epistolary correspondence with the Yearly Meeting of Philadelphia, so long as that Yearly Meeting shall continue to recognize as the true Ohio Yearly Meeting, that body of which Benjamin Hoyle is Clerk.

Which we submit to the Meeting—signed by

Joseph Newlin,	Daniel Barker,
John Carter,	William Hockett,
David Farlow,	Nixon Henley,
Mahlon Hockett,	John Newlin,
William Nicholson,	Samuel Hill,
Nathan B. Hill,	Micajah Cox,
A. H. Lindley,	Aaron Elliott,
C. Benbow,	

Which was read and fully united with; and John Carter, Daniel Barker, Isham Cox, William Nicholson, Mahlon Hockett, Samuel Hill, Joseph R. Parker, Nathan B. Hill, Aaron Stalker, Allen U. Tomlinson and John Newlin are appointed to prepare and produce to a future sitting a suitable answer to Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, embracing the sentiments expressed in the foregoing report.

The minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings were read, approved and signed by the Clerk.

A document was received through the Meeting for Sufferings, entitled a concise statement of the Christian Doctrines of the Society of Friends, which was read, and the Meeting appoints Wm. Hockett, John Russell, Isham Cox, David Farlow, John Carter, D. V. Moffitt, Elihu E. Mendenhall, Abel Coffin, Aaron Elliott, John Hackney, Jesse Coleman, Micajah Hill, A. U. Tomlinson, Micajah Cox, John Newlin and Amos Stuart to examine the same; and if in their judgment it would be best to publish the same, report the number and what course the Meeting should take to accomplish that object.

A memorial from Deep Creek Monthly Meeting approved by Deep River Quarterly Meeting and the Meeting for Sufferings concerning our deceased Friend John Hutchins, was read in this Meeting, and by it approved and directed to be recorded in the Book of Memorials.

A memorial from Springfield Monthly Meeting approved by Deep River Quarterly Meeting and the Meeting for Sufferings concerning our deceased Friend Adaliza R. Tomlinson, was read and approved by the Meeting, and directed to be recorded in the Book of Memorials, and that it also be printed and attached to the minutes of the Yearly Meeting.

The 19th Annual Report of the Trustees of New Garden Boarding School being read, was as follows :

There have been in School the past year 179 students—of that number 125 were members and the children of members and 54 not members—making an average number of 99½ ; and of that number 5 were day scholars.

The health of the family has been good, and the order of the school in a good degree observed.

From the accounts rendered by the Superintendent it appears that the balance of debt against the School is $675 40
And that the current account of the year shows a gain of $429 76

Which we submit to the Meeting.

JOSEPH NEWLIN, *Clerk.*

Which, after having been read and considered, was approved by the Meeting.

The Trustees of New Garden Boarding School proposed that John Carter be appointed one of the School Committee in place of Nereus Mendenhall, whose resignation has been received ; which proposition was approved by the Meeting. They also proposed that Nixon Henley be appointed one of the School Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of N. B. Hill, which was approved of.

The following proposition was received from the Trustees of New Garden Boarding School.

The Trustees of the Boarding School propose to the Yearly Meeting that there be another story added to the School building, provided $2,500 00 can be procured by voluntary subscription.

JOSEPH NEWLIN, *Clerk.*

Which proposition was approved of by the Meeting.

The Trustees of the permanent fund made the following report.

To the Yearly Meeting now sitting : six of the Trustees who were appointed by this Meeting in the year 1853, to collect the subscriptions to the permanent fund, &c., report as follows :

There are in the hands of the Trustees, so far as reported, the sum of $2457. 43 in money and bonds. In as much as the conditions of said subscription have not been complied with, the subscribers feel themselves released from the obligation. We therefore recommend that the Yearly Meeting authorize the Trustees to confer with the subscribers and ascertain whether any or all of them are willing to transfer the amount of their subscriptions to the Common Fund of New Garden Boarding School, or for it to remain as a permanent fund, and if so to collect said subscriptions and pay them over to Joseph Newlin, Treasurer of said Fund. But if any of the subscribers be unwilling to make this arrangement, we recommend that they be re-

leased from their subscriptions and that the Trustees return the amount which said individuals have paid, whether in money or bonds, and lastly, we recommend that the Trustees be required to render a full and accurate report of their proceedings in the case to next Yearly Meeting; all of which we submit to the Meeting On behalf of said Trustees. WILLIAM NICHOLSON.

Which being read and considered was approved by the Meeting.

The Committee on Education made the following report.

To the Yearly Meeting:

It appears from the reports from the different Quarterly Meetings, that the number of children between the ages of five and eighteen years, is 843

Between 18 and 21, 217

Making in all, 1060

No. of schools taught by male members of Society, 26

By females, 33

By those not members to which Friends children go, 38

One school under the care of a Quarterly Meeting—none under the care of Monthly Meetings;—and the number that have gone to New Garden Boarding School the past year is seventy-six.

There are none over 5 years of age but who are in the way of receiving some education.

We propose Henry Macy in the Western Quarter to supply the place of Joshua Stanley, deceased, and David Hiatt in Deep River Quarter in place of Benjamin Anderson, deceased; all of which we submit. On behalf of the Committe,

ISHAM COX.

Which was approved by the Meeting, and D. Hiatt and H. Macy appointed to the places proposed.

The Committee appointed to settle with the different Treasurers of this Meeting made the following report:

The Committee to settle with the different Treasurers report that they find in the hands of Wm. Hockett Wes. Treas., $52 11

In the hands of Josiah T. White Eastern Treas., 44 27

" " Aaron Hammer, Lost Creek " 32 00

We propose the sum of four hundred dollars to be raised to increase the Yearly Meeting's Stock—thus apportioned:

Eastern Quarter,	$82 00	Western Quarter,	$68 00
New Garden "	21 00	Contentnea "	40 00
Lost Creek "	25 00	Deep River "	82 00
Southern "	82 00		
Total,			$400 00

We propose William Hockett for Western Treasurer; Josiah T White Eastern Treasurer, and Aaron Hammer Lost Creek Treasurer.

We find in the hands of Joseph Newlin, Treasurer of the Common Fund, $2004 91

A portion of which is not available.

Collected and paid over to the Superintendent of the Boarding School, $143 93

We find in the hands of Allen U. Tomlinson, Treasurer of Charitable Fund, $1,145 60

Interest collected since last year and paid over to Superintendent of Boarding School, $44 65

Interest collected on "ten years subscription" and paid over, 26 00

All of which we submit. On behalf of the Committee,

DAVID WHITE, Jr.

Which was approved by the Meeting and the Treasurers appointed as proposed; and the Quarterly Meetings directed to raise the money as therein proposed, and pay over to the Treasurers.

The Meeting adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Sixth day morning, 11th month, 9th.—The Meeting met pursuant to adjournment.

The Trustees of New Garden Boarding School propose that Isham Cox be appointed as a Trustee of the School to supply the vacancy occasioned by the decease of Joshua Stanley, of which this Meeting approves and appoints him accordingly.

The Committee appointed yesterday to take into consideration the document entitled a "Concise statement of the principles of our Society" reported as follows:

They approve of the circulation of the document, but do not think that the Meeting is now in a condition for expending its funds in the purchase thereof—which the Meeting altered so as to direct that 1000 copies should be purchased and paid for out of the Yearly Meeting's Treasury, on the condition that the publishers would throw in 500 additional copies gratis, and appoints John Russell, A. U. Tomlinson, and Joseph Newlin to purchase and apportion them among the Quarters.

The Committee appointed at a former setting to prepare a suitable answer to Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, produced one which was approved by the Meeting and the Clerk directed to sign and forward it.

The Clerks as directed at a former sitting produced an Epistle of *advice* for the subordinate Meetings in some measure covering the exercises of the Meeting on that occasion, which is as follows:

At the reading of the summary answers to the Queries the consideration of the state of Society was entered upon, during which, much suitable advice and many gospel truths were very feelingly brought to the view of the Meeting well calculated to stir up the lukewarm and careless and to encourage all classes to a more full dedication to and a more practical knowledge of the christian religion. It was apparent from the answers to the Queries from all the Quarterly Meetings, that there was a lack on the part of some of our members in the faithful attendance of our religious meetings, and especially those which are held near the middle of the week. It was very feelingly

brought to the view of the Meeting that those who neglect this very important and primary duty do not only deprive themselves of a very great privilege—even that of being refreshed as from the presence of the Lord, but that their example in many instances become contageous, producing weakness and discouragement in the body at large.—It was very forcibly impressed upon the Meeting as a christian duty, devolving upon the living and concerned members of Society, to labor in the love of the Gospel for the restoration of those who are deficient in the support of the testimonies of our religious Society, speaking a word of counsel, encouragement or admonition, in meekness and love, as Truth may open the way. A labor of this kind would have a gathering and preserving influence among our members, and that instead of the fathers would be the children upholding to the honor of Truth; the precious testimonies given us to bear to the world.

The very important religious duty of training our dear children and youth in the principles of our religious profession, (which we believe are no less than the principles of the christian religion,) and to a diligent reading of the Holy Scriptures, according to our third Query, has claimed the weighty consideration of this Meeting. We believe there should be no distinction between the doctrines and principles of Friends and those of Christianity, and we have no doubt that there is a solemn obligation resting upon all parents and heads of families to instruct their beloved offspring in the knowledge of those precious principles and precepts, that now is, and by a good example and a firm yet tender restraint to endeavor to keep them out of evil, and guide them in the way of righteousness and holiness Great weakness and loss are seen to follow neglect and delay, and the failure of the proper exercise of parental authority. We are therefore concerned to exhort and encourage our dear friends to greater diligence and perseverance in the work of faith and love, and that they permit no specious reasoning to obstruct their faithfulness and progress. In a religious education, the holy Scriptures are of inestimable value, and we are deeply impressed with a belief that scriptural instruction has been by far too much neglected. We would therefore encourage our beloved friends to give themselves up more fully to this service, ever bearing in mind that the scriptures were written for our learning—that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope, and that they are profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction and for instruction in righteousness. We believe the sincere efforts of the honest hearted will be assisted by the good help of the Holy Spirit. We desire, therefore, that all well concerned Friends may use their influence to encourage this kind of instruction in families and schools, and the daily reading of the Scriptures in families collected in good order for that purpose. And while this Meeting continues to feel a lively interest in the literary and orderly education of our children in all things necessary and useful, and desires the encouragement thereof, we believe this religious Scriptural instruction above spoken of, should

be thoroughly connected therewith and be an essential part thereof.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

AARON STALKER, Clerk to the Men's Meeting.

DELPHINA E. MENDENHALL, Clk. to Women's Meet.

The Committee appointed at a former sitting to prepare suitable returning minutes for Friends now in attendance, from other Yearly Meetings, produced the following:—for Benjamin H. Jones, and similar ones for Elizabeth Gifford, Edith Griffith, Rebecca T. Updegraff, Naomi Coffin, Anna Thornburg and Jane Young, viz:

Our beloved Friend Benjamin H. Jones, in the course of a religious visit in these parts, acceptably attended this meeting and produced a minute of unity and concurrence from Salem Monthly Meeting, Mass., whose company and Gospel Labors have been satisfactory. The Committee also produced suitable minutes for the other Friends, (not Ministers) in attendance with us. Which being read was approved and the Clerk directed to sign them on behalf of the Meeting.

The Committee appointed at a former sitting to prepare Essays of Epistles of correspondence to other Yearly Meetings of Friends, have produced them, and after being read, considered and corrected, the Clerk was directed to transcribe and forward them to their respective places of address.

The Committee appointed at last Yearly Meeting to procure the reprint of the Discipline, report that they procured the reprint of 1000 copies as directed, and have apportioned them among the Quarterly Meetings.

The Committee appointed at the 1st sitting of this Meeting to procure the reprint of the London General Epistle have produced them: and the representatives are directed to meet at the rise of this Meeting and apportion them among the Quarters and convey them down to the same.

John Russell was appointed one of the correspondents of this Meeting in place of Joshua Stanley, deceased.

John R. Hubbard and Harper F. Stuart were appointed to correct and transcribe the minutes of this Meeting and prepare them for the press, and procure the printing of 1000 copies, apportion them among the Meetings and forward them by mail immediately and draw on this Meeting's Treasurer for money to defray the expenses.

During the several sittings of this Meeting we have experienced the overshadowing wing of Ancient Goodness to be spread over us and under the influence of which we have been enabled to dispose of the various matters that have come before us in harmony and brotherly love. We therefore conclude to meet again at the usual time and place next year, if the Lord permit.

AARON STALKER, *Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

A Testimony of Springfield Monthly Meeting concerning Adaliza R. Tomlinson, deceased.

The object of these mementos of the departed is to magnify the grace of our Lord, whereby they were redeemed from the earth and prepared for the abode of the blessed. Their experience of the Lord's goodness, love and mercy, is given; that they may serve as beacons to those who are left behind. As warnings to the thoughtless passers through this world, or as encouragement to the weary traveller zionward. And not in praise of those who by the grace of God, through deep suffering and conflict of mind, have been redeemed and prepared for the Kingdom of Heaven.

☞ *The Dear Young Friend:* The subject of this memorial was the daughter of A. U. & Rachel Tomlinson, of the County of Randolph and State of North Carolina, who were members of the religious Society of Friends. She was naturally of a lively disposition and cheerful turn of mind. At an early age, she gave evidence of having been visited by the convictions of the Holy Spirit. But not fully submitting to the intimations thereof, she partook of those unholy tendencies inherent to our unrenewed nature, and was therefore led off in some degree to partake of the fashions and customs of the world, and when amongst her youthful companions, was full of mirth. Yet when such opportunities would pass away and she left to her more sober and quiet reflection, she often felt remorse and disquietude for her misspent time, and has had voluntarily to acknowledge to her parents, with tears in her eyes, the error of her ways; and thus it was that she passed through the various conflicts of this vain world, being followed by the inward monition (that secret something within her own breast, which she afterwards spoke of.) When near 16 years of age she was taken with a Rheumatic affection and was mostly confined at or about home, bearing all her afflictions with patience and resignation, devoting some time to reading Scriptures and other good books, being much disposed to attending religious meetings and mingle with her Friends.

A short time before she was taken sick, when watching over her little sister who was then dangerously ill, she remarked to her father about the uncertainty and shortness of time, and that she had been thinking a great deal about dying. Soon after which she was taken down upon her death bed and after a few days of severe affliction she spoke to her eldest brother, (who, having been sent for at her request,) I have been very sick and wanted to see thee once more before I die; for if I do not get relief I cannot live long. I have had my trials

and troubles in this world, and thou wilt have thine. Then speaking to both her eldest brothers :—I want you to be good boys and live sober religious lives, and keep out of all bad company so that you may be prepared for a bed of death. I have been rude, and have had to repent with the deepest sorrow and in the bitterness of my heart. I have had to suffer a great deal in this world; but if I am prepared to die, (and I think I am,) I shall be far better off than I could be here, for this is a world of trouble. After a little time she exclaimed—I am going to meet my little sister in Heaven, and then you will have but one sister left and I want you to take good care of her. Then turning to her parents she said—I want you to train her up in a sober religious life. I do not want you to grieve after me when I am gone, for I have a well grounded hope that I shall be at rest. Having sent for some of her near relatives, she remarked to them—I had you called in, being desirous of seeing and speaking with you before I die. I do not certainly know that I shall die soon; you may die before I do, but unless I get relief I cannot survive long. It is my fervent desire that you live sober religious lives, and if you will follow the dictates of that still small voice—that secret something within your own breasts, it will teach you what to do and what to leave undone. Avoid all rude, wild and bad company, but treat such people civilly and kind, and show them by your walks that such is not the kind of company for you. Will you promise me to comply with these requests? I also wish you to read the Bible often. I have read it some, but I desire that you may do better than I have done.

The next morning she seemed to be deeply engaged in prayer, and was heard to utter in rather a low tone of voice.—O Lord! send thy blessings down upon my mourning parents, brothers and sister, and family connections, when she appeared to fall away into a sweet sleep.

After a few days more of severe affliction of the most painful and distressing nature, during which time she retained her mind and seemed as much composed as the nature of her disease would permit. She expired on the 14th of the 8th month, 1855, being in the 18th year of her age, and was buried in Friends burying ground, at Springfield on the following day. Signed on behalf and by direction of the Meeting aforesaid, the 10th of 10th month, 1855.

SOLOMON VESTAL, Clerk.
BEULAH M. CARTER, Clerk pro tem.

The above memorial was received and read in this Meeting, and by it approved and directed to be forwarded to the Meeting of Sufferings.

Extracted from the Minutes of Deep River Quarterly Meeting, held the 17th of 10th month, 1855.

DAVID HIATT, Clerk.

The foregoing Memorial from Deep River Quarterly Meeting was received and read in this Meeting—by it approved and directed to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting.

Extracted from the Minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings.

A. U. TOMLINSON, Clerk.

SOUTHERN HISTORICAL COLLECTION

MINUTES OF

NORTH CAROLINA

YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS,

HELD AT NEW GARDEN,

1856.

Minutes

Of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for North Carolina, held at New Garden, commencing with public meeting for worship at Deep River and New Garden, on first day the 2nd. ; and for discipline at New Garden, on second day morning, the 3rd of eleventh month, 1856 :

By the Reports received from our Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following Friends have been appointed representatives to this meeting, viz :

From Eastern.—Rix Bundy, Henry Copeland, Thomas P. Elliott, Joseph R. Parker, Jeptha White, James Peele, and Josiah T. White.

From Western.—Paris S. Benbow, Obed Marshburn, Mahlon Pickett, William Stanton, Miles Hobson, and James Woody.

From New Garden.—Nathan H. Clark, Charles Benbow, John Russell, and Reuben Starbuck.

From Contentnea.—Thomas Kennedy, William Cox, L. J. Moore, Isaac H. Cox, Micajah Cox, John T. Pearson.

From Lost Creek.—Aaron Hammer, William H. Morgan, and Daniel Beales.

From Deep River.—Solomon Vestal, Jonathan Harris, Joel G. Anderson, Winslow Davis, Micajah Hill, Elihu E. Mendenhall, and Joel Adams.

From Southern.—Stephen Hinshaw, Isaac Lee, Nathan B. Hill, Simon Jones, Nicholas Barker, and John Wells.

Whose names being called, they were all present except Joel Adams. Thomas Benbow is appointed to inform him that next meeting will expect a reason for his absence.

Having at this meeting the acceptable company of our beloved friends John Scott, from Baltimore Monthly Meeting, Anna Adams of Marlborough Monthly Meeting, New York; Enos G. Pray of Springfield Monthly Meeting, Ohio; James Owen, Western Plain Monthly Meeting, Iowa; Jane Jones of Pleasant Plain Monthly Meeting, Iowa; Elwood Ozburn of Elk Monthly Meeting, Ohio; John B. Crenshaw of Ceder Creek Monthly Meeting, Virginia.

Certificates from their respective meetings expressive of unity with them as Ministers, and with their present religious engagements, were presented and read.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved Friends, John Hockett, accompanying our friend James Owen; Lydia Hiatt and Samuel N. Jones, Companion to his Wife, Jane Jones; Geo.

D. Hayworth, Companion to our friend Enos G. Pray; Davis Pegg, Companion to our friend Elwood Ozburn; also James Woody and Wife and Daughter; and have received and read satisfactory testimonials on their behalf, from their several meetings.

The London General Epistle for 1850 has been read at this time, and we feel it to be pertinent and instructive, and commending it to the serious attention of our subordinate meetings, and to Friends individually, we appoint our friends John Russell and Samuel D. Coffin to cause a reprint of 1000 copies to be produced to a future sitting.

Saml. Hill, David White, Joseph Newlin, William Clark, Aaron Hammer, John Newlin and Jonathan Harris are appointed as way opens to prepare suitable returning minutes for friends now in attendance from other Yearly Meetings, and produce them to a future sitting.

Interesting and truly acceptable epistles addressed to us by our beloved brethren of the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, New York, New England, Baltimore, Ohio, and Indiana, have been received and read; and our dear friends of these different meetings have been brought very near to us under, we trust, the fresh flowings of Gospel Love. We appoint the following friends to prepare essays of reply to these epistles and present them to a future sitting:

Jeptha White, Josiah T. White, Joseph R. Parker, John Peele, Isham Cox, James Woody, Paris S. Benbow, Obed Marshburn, Cherles Benbow, Nathan H. Clark, Samuel D. Coffin, John R. Hubbard, William Cox, Thomas Kennedy, Thomas L. Hollowell, John Hackney, David Morgan, William H. Morgan, Daniel Beales, Elihu E. Mendenhall, John Carter, David V. Moffitt, Daniel Martin, Samuel C. Anderson, William Clark, Nathan B. Hill, David Farlow, Jesse Osborne, Thomas Cox, Oswin White, A. H. Lindley, Harper F. Stuart, Isaac H. Cox, L. J. Moore and Aaron Hammer.

There was received and read in this meeting a communication from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, and the following Friends were appointed to take the same into consideration and report to a future sitting, viz: David White, Thomas Kennedy, David Morgan, Jonathan Harris, David V. Moffitt, Joseph Newlin, James Peele, Wm. Hockett, James Woody, Daniel Barker, Aaaron Stalker, John Newlin and Allen U. Tomlinson.

We appoint our friends Jeptha White, John Peele, James Woody, John Newlin, Samuel D. Coffin, John Russell, Micajah Cox, Thomas L. Hallowell, Daniel Beales, William H. Morgan, John Hill, Jonathan Harris, Nixon Henley and Simon Jones, to settle with the different Treasurers of this meeting; propose a sum to be raised for the use of this meeting and apportion it among the Quarters, and propose the names of Friends for Treasurers.

A proposition was received from Contentnea Quarterly Meeting to change the place of said Quarter from Contentnea to Nahunta—which was approved by the Yearly Meeting.

Lost Creek Quarterly Meeting proposes that in future said meeting,

be held on seventh day preceeding the time on which it is now held at New Hope, and that the Select Quarterly Meeting be changed to the same day at 9 o'clock in the morning: Which is approved by the Yearly Meeting.

The Quarterly Meetings produced the answers to the Queries, and their Clerks were directed to prepare a summary of them and produce it to the meeting to-morrow.

The representatives were directed to confer together at the rise of this meeting, and propose some Friends to serve the meeting as Clerk and as Assistant Clerks.

The meeting adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

11*th month*, 4*th*.—Friends met near the time adjourned to. Thomas Kennedy on behalf of the representatives informed the meeting that they had conferred together and were agreed in proposing Aaron Stalker for Clerk, and Allen U. Tomlinson and Nathan B. Hill, for Assistant Clerks; which being concurred in, they are appointed to those stations for the ensuing year.

The Clerks produced a summary of the answers to the Queries, during the reading of which the State of Society was investigated.

The meeting was introduced into exercise on account of the many departures from our various Christian testimonies, and in order that our absent brethren may in some degree participate in the concern and be benefitted from the exercise on the occasion, the Clerks were directed to prepare a minute and produce to a future sitting.

We have received from the Eastern Quarter the following report of deceased Elders:—William Outland, a member of Rich Square Monthly Meeting, died on the 18th of 9th mo., 1855, aged 82 years, 11 months, 15 days, having been an Elder 28 years. Thomas Outland, also a member of Rich Square Monthly Meeting, died on the 18th of 9th month, 1855, aged 70 years and 10 days, having been an Elder over 8 years. Also, on the 2d of the 5th month, 1856, in the 68th year of her age, Elizabeth White, a member of Piney Woods Monthly Meeting, having filled the station of Elder 32 years. On the 20th of 6th month, 1856, Margaret Elliott, a member of Rich Square Monthly Meeting, in the 69th year of her age, and having been an Elder 27 years. John White, of same, a member of Piney Woods Monthly Meeting, on 1st day of 8th month, 1856, aged 60 years, 10 months, having been an Elder 15 years. Western Quarter reports that Joshua Stanley deceased the 10th mo. 1855, aged 70 years, having filled the station of Elder in two different Quarterly Meetings, with very short intermission, 25 years and 8 months. Lost Creek Quarter reports that Joseph Jones, a member and Elder of Newberry Monthly Meeting departed this life the 10th of the 4th month, 1856, in the 76th year of his age, having filled the station of Elder nearly 22 years.

Adjourned to 5th day morning 11 o'clock.

New Garden, 11*th mo.*, 6*th*.—The meeting met near the time adjourned to.

The committee appointed at the 1st sitting on reference of the Philadelphia Communication made the following report:

To the Yearly Meeting, now sitting:—We, the committee, to whom was referred the consideration of the document from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, report that we have given it our weighty deliberation, and are united in the belief that while Philadelphia Yearly Meeting continues to correspond with that body in Ohio of which Benjamin Hoyle is Clerk, we cannot consistently hold further epistolary correspondence with them.

THOMAS KENNEDY
PENELOPE GARDNER,
On behalf of the Committee.

11*th mo.*, 6*th*, 1856.

The above report was approved by the meeting, and notwithstanding the Epistolary Correspondence is now suspended, we hope the time is not distant when it may be resumed.

The Trustees of New Garden Boarding School made the following report:

Twentieth Annual Report of New Garden Boarding School.—In submitting this annual report, we feel glad to be able to state that we believe the School is in as good a condition as it has been at any preceding time, and that it has done and is doing much good to the members of our Society, and to those who patronize it, who are not members of our Society. The health of the family during the past year has been good, and the order of the school has been in a good degree observed.

There has been in the school during the past year, one hundred and sixty-three students, and of that number 81 were members and the children of members, and 82 were not connected with the Society. The average number is 93, and 7 of that number day scholars.

According to the accounts rendered by the Superintendent, it appears that the balance of debt against the School is $626 08.

All which is submitted to the Yearly Meeting.

11 *month* 6*th*, 1856.

JOSEPH NEWLIN, Clerk.

Which was approved by the meeting.

Summary Report on Education, 1856.

It appears by the accounts rendered from the Quarters that the number of children between the ages of 5 and 18 years is	850
Between 18 and 21 years,	219
Making in all,	1069.
Schools taught by male members of Society,	15
By females,	24
Taught by those not of our Society, where Friends' children have gone,	76

One school under care of Quarterly Meeting.

Sixty children have gone to New Garden Boarding School—only one over 5 years who is not receiving some education.

All of which we submit to the meeting. On behalf of the Committee, ISHAM COX.

Which being read was approved by the meeting.

The Clerks produced a summary report on intoxicating liquors.

It appears by the reports brought up from the Quarters, that there are—

	Clear members.	Who use it.	No inquiry.
In the Eastern Quarter	224	28	4
Western Quarter,	291	14	6
New Garden,	85	11	7
Contentnea,	32	9	
Lost Creek,	210	8	
Deep River,	354	15	
Southern Quarter,	327	23	31
	1523	108	48

By these reports it appears that there are 1523 members, over 18 years of age, who are clear of the use of intoxicating liquors, and 108 who do use it, and 48 members not enquired of—making in all 1618 members over 18 years of age; during the consideration of which the meeting was brought into deep concern and exercise on account of the deficiencies exhibited —This meeting directs subordinate meetings to labor for its removal from amongst us, and report to next Yearly Meeting the number of members, male and female, over 18 years of age, who do not use it, and those who do.

The subject of First Day Schools being brought before the meeting, after a time of deliberation thereon, the meeting would earnestly recommend to Friends the importance of the establishment and proper maintenance of First Day Schools under their care; for we believe there is a wide field open for scriptural instruction and for greater exertion in this important concern. Monthly Meetings are requested to appoint committees to endeavor to have them established in their respective neighborhoods.

This meeting was introduced into exercise under an apprehension that many of our members were not sufficiently informed in regard to the ground and foundation of many of our Christian testimonies.

The subject was referred to the Meeting for Sufferings, to collect and publish as way may open, such documents as are calculated to render those testimonies plain and easy to be understood.

The committee appointed at a former sitting to settle with the different Treasurers of this meeting, report: That we find in the hands of William Hockett, Western Treasurer, $138 85

Aaron Hammer, Lost Creek, 25 00

Josiah White, Eastern Treasurer, 00 00

We propose the sum of $300 to be raised, to augment the Yearly Meeting stock, apportioned as follows:

Eastern Quarter,	$361 50
Western do.,	51 00
New Garden do.,	15 75
Contentnea do.,	30 00
Lost Creek do.,	18 75
Deep River do.,	61 50
Southern do.,	61 50
	300 00

We propose William Hockett to be continued Western Treasurer, Josiah T. White for Eastern Treasurer, and Aaron Hammer for Lost Creek.

We also find in the hands of Joseph Newlin, Treasurer of the Common Fund, $2.004 91, a portion of which is not available. Interest collected and paid to Superintendent $179 19. In the hands of Allen U. Tomlinson, Treasurer of Charitable Fund, $1145 00

Interest collected thereon and paid over, 34 33

Cash received on ten years cubscriptions by him; also paid over to Superintendent, $5.00. On behalf of the committee,

11*th mo.*, 6*th*, 1856. JEPTHA WHITE.

Of which this meeting approves and appoints the Treasurers therein proposed, and directs the money to be raised as apportioned among the Quarters and paid over to the Yearly Meeting Treasurer.

Contentnea Quarterly Meeting proposes that Thomas L. Hollowell, Lancaster J. Moore, William Edgerton and Jesse Hollowell be appointed corresponding members of the meeting for sufferings from that Quarter, in place of Thomas Hollowell, Stanton Cox and Thomas Kennedy, who desired to be released from that service; which was satisfactory to the meeting, and the friends appointed accordingly.

A memorial from New Garden Monthly Meeting and Quarterly Meeting, concerning Dougan Clark, deceased, approved by the Meeting for Sufferings, was read in this meeting and approved, and directed to be recorded in the book of memorials; also to be printed and attached to the minutes of this meeting. The meeting adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, 10 A. M.

11*th mo.*, 7*th*.—The meeting met near the time adjourned to.

The Clerks produced a minute, to some extent embracing the exercise and labor bestowed during the consideration of the state of Society, which, after being read and considered, was approved by the meeting and directed down to the subordinate meetings, as an epistle of advice, as follows:

To the Quarterly, Monthly and Preparative Meetings:

Dear Friends,—The meeting entered upon a consideration of the state of Society, by reading the Queries, and the answers from the several Quarterly Meetings. As in former years, it is sorrowfully apparent that there is not that practical acknowledgment of our dependence upon our Heavenly Father, which the careful attendance of all our religious meetings for His worship, manifests before the

world; and very solemn and impressive were the admonitions and entreaties of concerned Friends for greater faithfulness in this respect. If we loved God with all our heart, with all our mind and with all our strength, we should not fail to render unto Him any sacrifice that He may require at our hands; and we should rejoice in the seasons set apart for waiting upon Him when we may be favored to draw near unto Him, and to enjoy, unworthy as we are, a sweet sense of His presence. We should love the habitation of the Lord; the place where his honor dwelleth; and rendering unto Him the tribute of subdued and humble hearts, we should be enabled in living faith to look unto Him as a "rewarder of all those that diligently seek Him." Brethren, forsake not the assembling of yourselves together, was the exhortation of an Apostle of the blessed Redeemer; and also that we should yield our bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto Him, which is our reasonable service. Did we feel, as it was mercifully manifested, the love of our blessed Saviour to the children of men,—did we realize that through Him alone, we can enter into the kingdom of Heaven,—that he is the door,—that it is before Him we are to stand in the last day,—that he is judge of quick and dead,—that unto Him we are to render our account,—we should be deeply engaged at all times and in every situation of our lives to confess Him before men,—to acknowledge Him both in word and in deed as our Master whom we delight to honor, and with a humble hope that He will be graciously pleased to acknowledge us in that day before His Father and the holy angels. Love to God and love to man are inseparable. God is love, and he that dwells in God dwells in Love. If we love Him whom we have not seen, we shall not fail to love our brother whom we have seen. Love is the badge of discipleship, and earnest has been the concern in this meeting that the blessed fellowship and love of the gospel may increase, and more and more abound among us. A lively concern was felt amongst us for the maintenance of all our Christian testimonies in all their purity. The inestimable value of the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make wise unto salvation through Faith which is in Christ Jesus, was feelingly dwelt upon, and Friends were tenderly exhorted and encouraged to the daily perusal of them, with their families collected around them; and the frequent perusal in private retirement, with the heart reverently turned unto Him from whom they came, that they may be opened to their understandings and tend to bring them to Christ.

AARON STALKER,
DELPHINA E. MENDENHALL. } Clerks.

The minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings were produced and read in this meeting. The proceedings of that body for the past year were satisfactory, and the Clerk directed to sign them on behalf of this meeting.

The committee appointed at the first sitting of this meeting to essay epistles to those Yearly Meetings of Friends with whom we correspond, produced them; which, after being read and some alterations

made, were referred to the Clerks for further corrections, to transcribe them and forward them to their several places of address.

The committee appointed at the first sitting of this meeting, as way might open for it, to prepare suitable returning minutes for Friends now in attendance from other Yearly Meetings, produced the following minute for John Scott, and similar ones for James Owens, Ellwood Osburn, John B. Crenshaw, Anna Adams and Jane Jones, (to wit:)

Our esteemed friend John Scott, a minister, acceptably attended the several sittings of this meeting and produced a copy of a minute of unity and concurrence from Baltimore Monthly Meeting of Friends, dated 10th mo., 9th, 1856, whose company and services have been satisfactory to us.

Also, produced minutes expressive of the unity of this meeting with George D. Hayworth, companion to Enos G. Pray; John Hockett, companion to James Owens; Davis Pegg, companion to Elwood Osburn; Samuel N. Jones, companion to his wife, Jane Jones; also Lydia Hiatt, companion to the same, and for James Woody, wife and daughter.

The committee appointed to procure the reprint of the London General Epistle, have produced them. The representatives from the several Quarterly Meetings were directed to apportion them, and carry them down to the subordinate meetings.

This meeting directs the Clerk to have one thousand copies of the minutes of this meeting printed, apportion them among the Quarters and forward them to the same, and draw on the Treasury for the expenses.

This meeting has been favored through its several sittings with the overshadowing of that love which is both ancient and new, under the influence of which the various matters that have come before us, have been disposed of in harmony and brotherly love; and comes to a conclusion to meet again at the usual time and place, next year, if the Lord permit.

AARON STALKER, *Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

A Memorial of New Garden Monthly Meeting of Friends concerning Dougan Clark, deceased.

Dougan Clark was the son of William and Eleanor Clark, of Randolph Co., N. C., and was born the 3rd day of the 10th mo., 1783.

Of his childhood there is but little known, more than that he has been frequently heard to say, that he felt the visitations of Heavenly love at a very early age, and experienced condemnation when he had indulged in things that were wrong.

While in his minority his parents joined the Society of Friends,

having formerly been zealous Presbyterians; and at their request he was received into membership; but it does not appear that the principles and testimonies peculiar to the Society had any particular weight with him, at that time, for somewhere near the eighteenth year of his age, falling in with the Methodists, his mind became powerfully arrested, and he preached among them with fervent zeal. He was soon in high estimation with that Society, and officiated as an itinerant preacher for about three years. He then retired to a more private life, but still continued an active member of that religious society.

About the 25th year of his age he was married to Nancy Welbourn, a young woman of the same profession.

During all this time his right of membership continued in the Society of Friends, though as opportunity offered, he had from time to time been treated with but not disowned; and when a committee from the Monthly Meeting visited him on account of his going out in his marriage, he told them that he respected the Society, but had not the least prospect of ever conforming to their rules. But when a copy of the minute of disownment was presented him, he was very forcibly struck, and "felt," he said, "like a poor outcast with the hedge taken away from around him". He put by all business for the remainder of that day, and walked alone in a forlorn state of mind, and as he afterwards expressed, he never enjoyed a moment of satisfaction until he was again received into membership. In the mean time great were his conflicts, and although he continued to frequent the meetings of the Methodists, yet so clear a sense was given him of the insufficiency of all human activity in religious worship, and that duty required him to walk in another path; that on one occasion when he stood up for service, he felt such a secret check in his mind that he was constrained to sit down and take no part in the meeting.—During this trying dispensation, he was visited by many of the most influential members and ministers of the Methodist connexion, who held out many arguments and offered many inducements, to dissuade him from yielding to the settled convictions of Truth in his own mind; but he was favored with wisdom and ability to answer all their objections, and to sustain the ground which he had taken. He finally left them, and began constantly to attend the meetings of Friends, and in due time requested and again received the right of membership amongst them, and not long after his mouth was opened in public testimony, to the comfort and satisfaction of his friends.

He was acknowledged as a minister in the 8th mo., 1817, and feeling an earnest desire for the spread and increase of those principles which were to him very precious, he was soon engaged in obedience to apprehended duty, in visiting the meetings of his own—and afterwards as way opened for it—those of neighboring Quarterly Meetings. In the early part of his ministerial labors, within the limits of his own and neighboring Quarterly Meetings, he held a number of public meetings out of Society, some at the meeting houses of others, and some at those of Friends, which we believe were always

satisfactory. In the meantime he was comforted by his wife receiving the Truth as held by Friends, and becoming an exemplary member of Society. But in the year 1821 she was removed by death, leaving him with six small children. Her close was calm and peaceful, she requested that her children might be brought up in the way of Friends.

Notwithstanding his great bereavement, he still continued faithfully to exercise his gift, and after visiting a number of meetings in the surrounding Quarters, in 1822, he paid a general visit to the meetings constituting the Yearly Meetings of Ohio and Indiana, returning home in the autumn of the same year. In the 5th mo., 1823, he was again married, to Asenath Hunt, daughter of Nathan Hunt. After this he was frequently engaged in visits to the neighboring meetings until the year 1828, when he attended the Yearly Meetings of Ohio and Indiana, and some other meetings. For a few of the succeeding years he was not much from home, except in attending to some appointments by the Yearly Meeting.

In 1834, he and his wife were united in a visit to the Yearly Meetings of Philadelphia, New York and New England. They attended all the meetings composing Philadelphia and New England Yearly Meetings, and many of those belonging to New York; among which were the Half-Years' Meeting in Canada, and many of its subordinate meetings, and returned in the spring of 1835; and in the 2d mo., 1837, were removed to New Garden Boarding School, having been employed to superintend that Institution, where they remained for six years.

During this time he once had a minute to visit the meetings composing the Southern Quarterly Meeting. He next visited nearly all the meetings composing Western, Southern, New Garden and Deep River Quarters.

In the year 1844, he and his wife, having obtained the necessary certificates from their meetings, left home in order to visit the meetings of Friends in Great Britain and Ireland; and taking a number of meetings on their way to Philadelphia, they embarked from that place on the 26th of 2nd mo., and landed in Liverpool on the 24th of 3d mo. They visited all the meetings of Friends in Ireland, Scotland and Wales, and the greater part of those in England, attending Dublin Yearly Meeting twice and London once—and returned home in the 8th mo., 1845. In this visit he was often enlarged in his gift, and enabled clearly to unfold the doctrines of the Gospel as held by primitive believers and our pious predecessors, evidently to the comfort and edification of many minds.

After their return he did not go far from home. He, in connection with his wife, visited occasionally neighboring Quarterly Meetings, and the meetings composing them, and many families, as Truth made way, though his health was now gradually declining.

The last visit of this kind that he paid was in the summer of 1854. It was to the Western and Southern Quarters, and the meetings

composing them. He was remarkably favored in the exercise of his gift, but was unable to attend a part of the meetings.

This was the last of his public labors, he being seldom able to attend even his own meeting afterwards.

In closing this account of his public labors, we might just remark that he always brought home with him minutes expressive of the unity which Friends had with his labors when abroad.

From the time he became a member he was a constant attendant of religious meetings until infirmity of body prevented—and an example in waiting therein—sitting many meetings in solemn silence.

He embraced the principles of Friends from clear conviction in his own mind, and held them sacred to the latest period of his life. He bought them at a great price, and they were precious to him.

He often expressed his unshaken belief, that if the principles promulgated by our early Friends, were not true religion there was no true religion in the world. His ministry was sound, clear and convincing. He was concerned to turn the hearts of mankind from a dependence on men and books, to the inspeaking word of Divine Truth in their own hearts. He was not a man of outward learning, but being learned in the school of Christ, and disciplined under the Cross, there was at times given him the tongue of the learned, whereby he was enabled to speak a word in season to him that was weary, and to bring out of the great treasury things both new and old; and so far was he from seeking the applauses of men, that he shunned and shrank from them. He had suffered from ill health during many years, which he bore with truly Christian patience. In the spring of 1855 it was evident that his health and strength were fast declining. He read the Scriptures daily, walked much alone, and was very much retired.

A few days before he was quite confined, his wife being alone with him, he appeared in a very contrite state of mind, and seemed to take a very humiliating view of himself and his past life—as being strewed with many infirmities—but said that if it were to go over again it might not be better, but perhaps worse. After a little pause, he said solemnly, that he did not want to say much, for there is a great deal too much said, but he wanted nobody to be uneasy about him, for he had a very clear evidence the night before that all would be well with him—and that his deep conflicts of mind had been accepted; and he trusted alone in the mercy of God through Christ Jesus. After the conversation which took place at that time he said but little except to express the great quietude of his mind.—On one of his sons taking leave of him a few days before his departure, he said he should never see him again, but wanted him to know that death was no terror to him, for he never felt more quiet in his life.

He was about two weeks confined to bed, the last of which he seldom spoke intellibly; and on the 23d of 8th mo., 1855, he quietly departed. So great was the solemnity that it seemed as though there could hardly be a greater evidence of an immortal spirit entering into

New Garden Monthly Meeting of Friends, held at New Garden rest. He was in his 72nd year, and had been a minister about 38 years.

In drawing up this account we have no design to exalt or magnify the creature, but only to commend the riches of that Grace by which he was what he was, if happily others might be induced to go and do likewise.

Guilford county, N. C., the 30th of the 4th month, 1856, the foregoing memorial concerning our deceased friend Dougan Clark, was read in this meeting and by it approved; and the Clerk directed to sign and forward it to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting.

NATHAN H. CLARK,
SARAH HOSKINS, } Clerks.

New Garden Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held the 18th day of the 9th month, 1856.—The foregoing memorial concerning our deceased friend Dougan Clark, (from New Garden Monthly Meeting of Friends,) was read in this meeting, and by it approved, and the Clerk directed to sign and forward it to the meeting for sufferings.

NATHAN H. CLARK,
SEMIRA H. CLARK. } Clerks.

The foregoing memorial from New Garden Quarterly Meeting, concerning our deceased friend Dougan Clark, was read in this meeting, by it approved, and directed to be signed and forwarded to the Yearly Meeting.

[Extract from the minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings of North Carolina Yearly Meeting, the 4th, 11th mo, 1856.

A. U. TOMLINSON, Clerk.

The foregoing memorial from New Garden Monthly Meeting endorsed by New Garden Quarterly Meeting, and the Meeting for Sufferings, being read, was approved and directed to be recorded in the book of memorials.

AARON STALKER,
Clerk to the Meeting.

MINUTES

OF

NORTH CAROLINA

Yearly Meeting of Friends,

HELD AT

NEW GARDEN,

IN

GUILFORD COUNTY, N. C.

ON

SECOND-DAY,

THE

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OF

NORTH CAROLINA

Yearly Meeting of Friends.

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At North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends, held at New Garden, in Guilford county, N. C., on Second-day, the 2nd of the Eleventh month, 1857 :

By the Reports received from our Quarterly Meeting, it appears that the following Friends have been appointed Representatives to this meeting, viz:

From Eastern Quarter—Jonathan E. Cox, Thomas Peele, Thomas E. Winslow, James W. Copeland, Exum N. White, Henry Copeland, and David White.

From Western Quarter—Mahlon Pickett, Joseph Dixon, William Hockett, Paris S. Benbow, Jesse Wilson, Isham Cox, and William Chamness.

From New Garden Quarter—John R. Hubbard, William Swain, Richard Stanley, and Charles Benbow.

From Lost Creek Quarter—David Hayworth, and Isaac Jones.

From Contentnea Quarter—Thomas Kennedy, Jesse Hollowell, L. J. Moore, John T. Pearson, Nathan T. Cox, and Thomas S. Hollowell.

From Deep River Quarter—Solomon Vestal, Joseph Johnson, Jonathan Harris, Henry Davis, Joshua Bond, and Stephen Hobson.

From Southern Quarter—Franklin Davis, Nathan B. Hill, Joseph Lee, Elihu Barker, William Stout, and Calvin Jones.

Whose names being called, were all present except four, for whose absence sufficient reasons were given.

We had at our meeting the acceptable company of our beloved Friends, Robert Lindsey and his wife, Sarah Lindsey, from Great Britain. Also, Thomas Frazier, from Iowa; John L. Eddy, from Ohio; Thomas Grover and Lemuel Gifford, from New England, and Dorcas Hunt, from Indiana; all of whom produced certificates from their respective meetings, which were read expressive of unity with them as ministers, and with their present religious engagements.

We had also the acceptable company of our beloved Friends, Eli Reece, Michael Wanzer, Isaac Steere, and Sarah Newlin, companions to the above, with satisfactory credentials from their respective meetings.

This meeting has received and read the London printed Epistle; also a written one addressed to this meeting, from the same place; also one from Dublin, together with similar testimonials of brotherly love from all the Yearly Meetings of Friends on this continent, except Philadelphia, which again brought our distant brethren afresh to our remembrance, with desires that we may all be preserved upon that foundation which alone standeth sure, having this seal, that the Lord knoweth them that are his.

This meeting appoints John Russell and S. D. Coffin, to procure the reprint of 1200 copies of the London General Epistle, and produce them to a future sitting. Also, to draw on this meeting's Treasurer, for money to defray the expenses.

The Clerk was directed to certify on said Epistle, that it was read and approved of by this meeting.

The following Friends were appointed to prepare essays of Epistles to those Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, and produce them to a future sitting: Exum N. White, Jonathan E. Cox, Thomas E. Winslow, David White, Elijah Peele, Joshua Cox, James Woody, William Hockett, John Thompson, Jose Hobson, S. D. Coffin, Uriah Macy, J. R. Hubbard, Jesse Hollowell, Thomas Kennedy, J. T. Pearson, E. E. Mendenhall, David Martin, Jonathan Harris, John Carter, Joseph T. Johnson, Joseph Newlin, Jesse Henley, Seth Barker, Nixon Henley, Mahlon Pickett, Elihu Barker, Charles Benbow, A. H. Lindley, Nathaniel Woody, Obed Marshburn.

This meeting appoints David White, Thomas Peele, Joseph Newlin, John Carter, James Woody, John Russell, William Chamness, and Paris S. Benbow, to prepare as way may open, minutes relative to the attendance at this meeting of Friends from other Yearly Meetings, and produce them to a future sitting.

We appoint James Peele, Henry Copeland, James Woody, Isham Cox, Ellwood Mace, Stephen Macy, L. J. Moore, Curtis P. Moore, Charles Starbuck, Daniel Vestal, David Hiatt, Daniel Allen, and Jesse Henley, to settle with the different Treasurers of this meeting, propose a sum to be raised for the use of this meeting, and apportion it among the Quarters; propose also the names of Friends for Treasurers, and report to a future sitting.

The subject of changing the time of holding the Yearly Meeting, coming before this meeting, we appoint the following committee to take the subject under their deliberate and weighty consideration, and report their sense and judgment thereon to a future sitting; David White, James Peele, Dempsey Copeland, Thomas E. Winslow, Joseph Dixon, Nathaniel Woody, William Hockett, Obed Osborn, Thomas Kennedy, L. J. Moore, Thomas Hollowell, Jesse Hollowell, Aaron Stalker, S. D. Coffin, Richard Stanley, Charles Benbow, John Carter, Daniel Martin, William Macy, William Gardner, Daniel Barker, Daniel Allen, Nixon Henley, and William Stout.

The Quarterly Meetings produced the answers to the Queries, the Clerks were directed to prepare a summary of them, and produce it to the meeting to-morrow.

The Representatives were directed to confer together at the rise of this sitting, and propose some Friends to serve this meeting as Clerk and as assistant Clerks, and report them to the meeting to-morrow.

The meeting adjourned till 11 o'clock to-morrow.

3rd day morning, the 3rd.—The meeting met near the time adjourned to.

The Representatives report that they have conferred together, and agree to propose John R. Hubbard, as Clerk, and A. U. Tomlinson, and A. H. Lindley, for Assistant Clerks, all of which is approved by the meeting, and they are accordingly appointed.

A document from the London Yearly Meeting, entitled "A salutation in the love of Christ, to all who bear the name of Friends," was read, and after a time of solid consideration thereon, believing that the document might be of essential benefit to the members of our society, this meeting orders that 1200 copies be re-printed for circulation. John Russell, Charles Benbow, and Uriah Macy, are appointed to have the document re-printed, and to apportion and forward them to the different Quarterly Meetings, and to draw on the Treasurer of this meeting, for money to defray the expenses. Also, from the same Yearly Meeting, an address "To parents and others" was read, which meeting with our earnest approval, the re-print of 1500 copies is referred to the same committee, with the same instruction as the above.

The Clerks produced a summary to the answers, and the meeting then entered upon the consideration of the state of society. Many deficiencies which still exist among us, were brought to our view, and much pertinent counsel was given by concerned Friends, and in order that our absent brethren may be benefited by this counsel, the Clerks are directed to prepare a minute, embracing the exercises on this occasion, and produce it at a future sitting.

The different Quarters make the following report of deceased Ministers and Elders: Eastern Quarter—Julia White, on 14th of 5th month, 1857, aged 40 years, an Elder near four years. Western Quarter—Hannah D. Hockett, on the 25th of 8th month, 1856, aged 57 years, an Elder more than eleven years.—Deep River—Luzena Hockett, on the 24th of 11th month, 1856, aged 39 years, an Elder nearly three years. Also, Ann Mendenhall, on 23rd of 12th month, 1856, aged 37 years, an Elder near three months. Also, Benjamin Milikan, on 1st of 10th month, 1857, aged 74 years, an Elder 20 years.

The Clerks produced a summary report on intoxicating liquors. It appears by the reports brought up from the Quarters, that there are—

	Clear Members.	Who use it.	Not inquired of.
In the Eastern Quarter,	223	19	2
Western Quarter,	295	9	5
New Garden,	94	5	2
Contentnea,	90	8	
Lost Creek,	205	7	1
Deep River,	267	8	
Southern Quarter,	288	21	29
	1462	77	39

By these reports it appears that there are 1462 members, over 18 years of age, who are clear of the use of intoxicating liquors, and 77 who use it, and 39 not enquired of, making in all, 1578 members over 18 years of age. This meeting directs subordinate meetings, to labor for the entire removal of this article from amongst us, and report to next Yearly Meeting, the number of members, male and female, over 18 years of age, who do not use it, and those who do.

The Committee appointed yesterday, to take into consideration the propriety of changing the time of holding the Yearly Meeting, made the following report: After taking the subject of changing the time of holding the Yearly Meeting under weighty consideration, we are united in the belief, that the present time is the most suitable for holding it, and that no change should now be made, which we submit to the meeting.

On behalf of the Committee, S. D. COFFIN.

Which report was approved of by the meeting.

The meeting adjourned to meet again 5th day, 11 o'clock.

5th day morning, the 5th.—The meeting met near the time adjourned to.

The Committee on Education, made the following report: According to the accounts received from the Quarters, the number of children between 5 and 18 years, 554

Between 18 and 21 years, 150

Making in all, 704

Number of Schools taught by male members, 15

" " " " Female " 17

Number taught by those not members, to which Friends children have gone, 45

One School under the care of a Quarterly Meeting, 43 have gone to the Boarding School. None over 5 years of age, receiving no education.

No account from Lost Creek Quarter

No " " Two monthly meetings of Deep River Quarter.

Eastern Quarter reports 2 first day Schools.

Western " " 3 " " "

Southern " " 3 " " "

most of which have been in satisfactory progress during the past summer.

We propose that Obed Marshburn, in the Western Quarter, and Nathan H. Coffin, and Uriah Macy, in New Garden, be added to the General Committee on Education.

Which we submit on behalf of the Committee, ISHAM COX.

Which was approved by the meeting, and Obed Marshburn, Nathan H. Coffin, and Uriah Macy, were added to said Committee.

The Committee appointed at a former sitting, to settle with the different Treasurers accountable to this meeting, made the following report: We find in the hands of William Hockett, Western Treasurer, $181 13

Aaron Hammer, Lost Creek, 43 75

Due Josiah T. White, Eastern Treasurer, money advanced, $15 59

We propose the sum of $300.00 to be raised, to augment the Yearly Meeting Stock, apportioned as follows:

Eastern Quarter,	$61 50
Western Quarter,	51 00
New Garden Quarter,	15 75
Contentnea Quarter,	30 00
Lost Creek Quarter,	18 75
Deep River Quarter,	61 50
Southern Quarter,	61 50
	$300 00

We propose William Hockett to be continued Western Treasurer, Josiah T. White, for Eastern Treasurer, and Aaron Hammer, for Lost Creek.

We also find in the hands of Joseph Newlin, Treasurer of the Common Fund, $2004 91, a portion of which is not available. Interest collected and paid to the Superintendent, $125 70. In the hands of A. U. Tomlinson, Treasurer of Charitable Fund. $1145 00, interest collected thereon and paid over, $54 72; cash received on ten years subscription by him, also, and paid over to superintendent, $11 00.

Which we submit on behalf of the Committee, ISHAM COX.

Of which this meeting approves, and appoints the Treasurers therein proposed, and directs the money to be raised as apportioned among the Quarters, and paid over to the Yearly Meeting's Treasurers.

The Trustees of New Garden Boarding School, make the following report:

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT.

There have been in school during the past year, 159 students, and of that number, 85 were members of our society, and the children of members, and 74 were not connected with the society. The average number is 83⅔, and 7 of that number were "day scholars." The health of the family has been good through the year, and the order observed in a good degree. From the accounts rendered by the Superintendents, it appears that the whole indebtedness is $14,429 62

And the amount due the School,	$11,941 01	
Goods, Books, Provisions, and cash on hand,	1,402 60	
Whole amount of available means,		13,343 61
Balance of debt against School,		1,086 01
To which add doubtful debts,		1,279 26
Deficiency of available means,		$2,365 27
The personal property is estimated cash value, at	$2,427 00	
From which take the balance against school,	2,365 27	
Balance in favor of school,	61 73	

From the above statements, it appears, that the real estate is not embarassed with the claims against the school, the trustees are very desirous to lessen the indebtedness for and against it.

Which is submitted to the meeting.

11th mo. 5th 1857. JOSEPH NEWLIN, Clerk.

Which being read is approved of by the meeting.

The Trustees of N. G. B. School propose the name of Obed Osborne as a member of the school committee in place of William Hockett resigned; and S. D. Coffin in place of Stephen Macy resigned—which this meeting approves and appoints them accordingly.

A concern arose in this meeting on account of the unusual amount of deficiences brought to view in the answers to the queries—and after solid deliberation thereon, the Clerks are directed to append to the Epistle of Advice, a recommendation that the Quarterly Meetings appoint committees to labor as way may open for the removal of deficiencies from amongst us.

The minutes of the "Meeting for Sufferings" being produced were read, and

the action of that meeting was approved of by this, and the clerk directed to sign the minutes on behalf of the same.

A proposition was made that the Yearly Meeting go into a subscription for the purpose of building a house convenient to the meeting house to accommodate Friends during the time of Yearly Meeting which this meeting approves and appoints, Exum N. White, Jonathan E. Cox, Himelius Hockett, Obed Osborne, Jesse Wilson, S. D. Coffin, Uriah Macy, Jesse Hollowell. L. J. Moore, John Carter, H. F. Stuart, William Stout, Nixon Henley and Jesse Henly to solicit subscriptions for building said house and report their progress to the meeting to-morrow.

This meeting adjourns until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

6th day morning the 6th.—The meeting met near the time adjourned to.

The Clerks produced an Epistle of Advice to go down to the subordinate meetings embracing the exercise and concern of this meeting which arose during the consideration of the state of society, which was read and approved and directed to be signed and sent down with the printed minutes.

The committee appointed to prepare essays of Epistles to the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, produced them, which were read corrected and approved, the clerks are directed to transcribe and forward them to their several places of address.

The committee appointed at a former sitting to procure the reprint of the London General Epistle produced them, the Representatives are directed to meet at the close of this meeting and apportion and convey them to the Quarterly Meetings.

The committee appointed yesterday to solicit subscriptions to build a house to accommodate Friends during Yearly Meeting times, make the following report:

We the committee appointed to hold out subscriptions for the purpose of building a house for the use of Friends during Yearly Meeting times, find that the time is too limited to make up the necessary sum. Therefore we are of opinion that if the meeting will approve of our holding out subscriptions in the subordinate meetings the sum may be obtained, and that we report to the 'Meeting for Sufferings' in the 4th mo. 1858 and that that meeting, if the amount required ($500.00) be raised, be directed to have said house built.

On behalf of Committee, JONATHAN E. COX.

Which being read is approved by this meeting.

The committee appointed at a former sitting to prepare returning minutes as way might open for travelling Friends who were present with us produced the following for Robert Lindsey:

"Our beloved Friend, Robert Lindsey, a minister acceptably attended this meeting and produced a certificate of unity and concurrence from Brighouse Mo. Meeting of Friends held at Bradford in the county of York, Eng., dated 6th of 3rd mo. 1857, endorsed by York Quarterly Meeting held at Leeds 25th and 26th of 3rd mo. 1857; also a certificate from the Yearly Meeting of ministers and Elders, held in London the 18th, 19th, and 20th of 5th month, 1857, and similar ones for Sarah Lindsey, Thomas Frazier, John L. Eddy, Lemuel Gifford, Thomas Grover, and Darcas Hunt.

Also minutes expressive of the unity of this meeting, with Sarah Newlin, companion of Darcas Hunt, Eli Reece, companion of Thomas Frazer, Michael Wanzer, companion of John L. Eddy, and Isaac Steere, companion of Thomas Grover, which were read and approved, and the Clerk directed to sign them on behalf of the meeting.

The Clerks are directed to have 1000 copies of this meetings minutes printed, and to apportion and forward them to the Quarterly Meetings, and draw on this meeting's Treasurer for money to defray the expenses.

This meeting having been favored to bring all its deliberations to a close in harmony and brotherly love, under a sense of thankfulness for the many mercies which have been extended during its various sittings, solemnly concludes to meet at the usual time and place next year, if the Lord permits.

JOHN R. HUBBARD, Clerk.

EPISTLE OF ADVICE

To the Quarterly, Monthly, and Preparative Meetings.

DEAR FRIENDS:

During the investigation of the state of society as brought to our view, by the answers to the Queries from the different Quarterly Meetings, many concerned Friends were brought into deep and living exercise on account of the deficiencies still existing amongst us. The neglect in the attendance of our religious meetings, was one of the most prominent—some examples of faithfulness in this important duty, were very feelingly brought to our notice. We were exhorted not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is, bearing in mind that a sacrifice which costs us nothing, will hardly be acceptable to Him, who requires a full surrender of the whole heart. By cheerfully and willingly yielding up a portion of our time to the service of Him who made us, in the end, we shall not only find that we will be the gainers thereby in spiritual growth, but also in temperal matters; though some, while neglecting the performance of important religious duties, may go on for a while prosperously; they have no assurance of continued success, "for evil doers shall be cut off, but those who wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth." If our hearts are filled with the love of God, we shall look forward to the coming of meeting day, with no small anxiety, accounting it a great privilege to meet with our brethren, to wait upon Him who created us for his own glory.

It appears from some of the answers, that there is a deficiency in love and unity, on account of which, this meeting was brought into exercise. The Scriptural injunction was forcibly brought to our mind, "If we love not our brethern whom we have seen, how can we love God whom we have not seen," but if we love God whom we have not seen, then shall we love our brethern whom we have seen.

It is believed that a more attentive perusal of the Holy Scriptures, would tend much to our spiritual welfare; the daily reading of a portion of them with our families collected around us, is strongly recommended. It is believed that a more faithful attention to this practice, connected with religious instruction, would greatly promote our growth in the Truth.

This meeting was brought under deep concern, that all of our precious testimonies might be preserved in their original purity, and that the number of existing deficiencies which are annually reported in the answers, might be lessened, to promote this object, Quarterly Meetings are recommended to appoint Committees to labor as way may open for their removal from amongst us.

JOHN R. HUBBARD,
DELPHINA E. MENDENHALL. } Clerks.

MINUTES

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MINUTES.

At North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends, held at New Garden, in Guilford county, North Carolina, on second-day, the 8th of 11th month 1858.

From the reports of the different Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following Friends have been appointed their Representatives to this meeting.

Eastern Quarter.—Joseph R. Parker, Jonathan E. Cox, Jesse Brown, Josiah T. White, James Peele, Exum N. White, Elias Elliott, Edwin G. Copeland, and Rix Bundy.

Western Quarter.—Paris S. Benbow, Mahlon Pickett, John Dixon, William Hockett, William T. Lindley, and Henry Macy.

New Garden Quarter.—John Russell, Charles Benbow, Samuel D. Coffin, and Thomas Starbuck.

Lost Creek Quarter.—Jonathan Morgan, and Daniel Beals.

Contentnea Quarter.—Thomas Kenedy, Lazarus Pearson, Matthew Pike, Curtis P. Moore, Isaac H. Cox, John T. Pearson, Thomas L. Hollowell, and Nathan T. Cox.

Deep River Quarter.—Charles Starbuck, Micajah Hill, David Wheeler, Joseph T. Johnson, E. E. Mendenhall, William Bond, and Stephen Hobson.

Southern Quarter.—Aaron Hill, Samuel Farlow, Wm. Stout, Gideon Cox, Samuel B Hill, and William Jones.

Which being called were all present, except Curtis P. Moore and Wm. Jones, for whose absence satisfactory reasons were given.

We had the acceptable attendance of our beloved Friends, Joseph Stanley, and Julia Ann McOol from Iowa, and Sarah Ann Linton from Ohio; with minutes from their respective meetings, expressive of unity with them as Ministers, also, with their present religious engagements.

We had also, the acceptable attendance of our beloved Friends, companions to the above, Luke Thomas and Mary Hadley, with minutes of approval from their respective meetings.

Cyrus Cook and James G. Hendall from Indiana, were also

in attendance, with minutes of approval from their Friends at home.

David V. Moffitt and Isham Cox, were appointed messengers to women's meeting.

William Clark, John Carter, E. E. Mendenhall, Winslow Davis, Jonathan E. Cox, David V. Moffitt, Thomas Kenedy, Isham Cox, and Joseph R. Parker, were appointed to prepare returning minutes, as way should open, for Friends now in attendance with us from other Yearly Meetings, and produce them to a future sitting.

The London Printed Epistle, together with a written one from the same, also, Epistles from New England, New York, Baltimore, Ohio, Indiana, and Western Yearly Meetings, were received and read in this meeting, to our comfort and edification.

The following were appointed as a committee to prepare answers to the same, also an Epistle to Dublin, and produce them to a future sitting; Josiah T. White, Joseph R. Parker, Jonathan E. Cox, Exum N. White, Isham Cox, Paris S. Benbow, S. D. Coffin, Uriah Macy, Charles Benbow, James C. Allen, David Morgan, Jonathan Morgan, Lazarus Pearson, Thos. Kenedy, Thomas L. Hollowell, Jonathan Harris, David V. Moffitt, William Gardner, E. E. Mendenhall, Daniel Martin, Stephen Hobson, Joseph Newlin, William Clark, Wm. Stout, Obed Marshburn, John M. Woody, Edwin G. Copeland, Hugh W. Dixon, John S. Harris, John Newlin, Jr., John T. Pearson, Nathan H. Cox.

Samuel D. Coffin and John Russell were appointed to procure the reprint of 1000 copies of the London General Epistle, produce them to a future sitting, and draw on the treasurer for money to defray the expense.

This meeting appoints David White, James Peele, William Hockett, Nathaniel Woody, Mahlon Pickett, John Russell, Aaron Stalker, Charles Benbow, David Morgan, James C. Allen, Samuel Perkins, Thomas Keneday, John Carter, Jonathan Harris, Joseph Newlin, Nixon Henley, and Stephen Hobson, to take the subject alluded to in the Postscript to the Epistle from Indiana Yearly Meeting, under their solid deliberation, and report their judgment thereon to a future sitting.

(Note—The subject was in regard to the propriety of this Yearly Meeting's appointing a committee in conjunction with

other Yearly Meetings, to settle difficulties which may arise in the Society.)

The following committee was appointed to settle with the different treasurers of this meeting, propose a sum to be raised for the use of the meeting, apportion the same among the Quarters, also propose the names of some Friends for treasurers, and report to a future sitting; Exum N. White, Rix Bundy, Isham Cox, Elias Elliott, Paris S. Benbow, John Dixon, Samuel D. Coffin, Ruben Starbuck, John Russell, Daniel Beals, David Morgan, James C. Allen, Isaac H. Cox, Mattthew Pike, Lazarus Pearson, Jonathan Harris, Joseph T. Johnson, Stephen Hobson, Samuel B. Hill, Gideon Cox, and Nixon Henley.

The Quarterly Meetings produced the answers to the Queries; the Clerks are directed to make a summary of them, and produce it to the meeting to-morrow.

The Representatives were directed to convene at the rise of this meeting for the purpose of choosing some Friend to serve this meeting as Clerk, also one for assistant Clerk, and report to the meeting to-morrow morning.

John Russell and S. D. Coffin were appointed to attend to the orderly sitting of this meeting, and see that it be kept select.

This meeting solemnly adjourns till to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

Third Day morning the 9th.—The meeting met near the time adjourned to.

The Representatives reported that they had conferred together and agreed to propose the name of John R. Hubbard for Clerk, and Alfred H. Lindley for Assistant Clerk, of which the meeting approved, and appointed them accordingly.

The Clerks produced the following Summary Answers to the Queries:

SUMMARY ANSWERS.

Answer 1st.—Meetings for worship and discipline well attended by some Friends in all of the Quarters. Others are remiss therein, especially in the attendance of meetings held near the middle of the week. In one of the Quarters some Friends are seldom seen at meeting. Some care has been extended in two of the Quarters, the hour nearly observed, and no unbecoming behavior to remark, except some cases of drowsiness in two of the Quarters.

Answer 2nd.—Love and unity have been maintained in a

good degree in all of the Quarters, though there is some complaint in four of them. In three some care has been taken—talebearing and detraction discouraged, and when differences have appeared, endeavors have been used to end them, and the rules of Discipline mostly put in practice.

Answer 3rd.—Plainness and moderation have been kept to by most Friends. Some complaint of deviation in dress and address, in four of the Quarters. Some care is said to have been taken in two of the Quarters. Those who have children appear concerned to train them up in the principles of our religious profession, to reading the Holy Scriptures, and use some restraints for their preservation. A fear is expressed in two of the Quarters that the reading of the Holy Scriptures, and the proper tuition of our children is too much neglected.

Answer 4th.—Friends are clear of the use of intoxicating liquors as a drink, except in a few cases. In all of the Quarters some care has been extended—clear under the other heads of that Query, except a few instances of frequenting places of diversion, in one of the Quarters.

Answer 5th.—Friends bear a testimony against war, and mostly against a hireling ministry.

Answer 6th.—Friends appear clear under the several heads of that Query, except three instances of hiring slaves in one of the Quarters, and one in another which are under notice.

Answer 7th.—Friends appear careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances; and no complaint under the other heads of that Query, except a few instances in one of the Quarters of Friends failing to fulfill their engagements.

Answer 8th.—The necessities of poor Friends relieved when known, and care taken under the other heads of that Query.

Answer 9th.—No law-suits contrary to discipline amongst us.

Advices.—In all of the Quarters the Advices were read, and a hope is expressed that they were mostly attended to.

During the reading of the Queries and Answers it was cause of humiliation to us to see the deficiencies still existing amongst us.

The meeting was brought into much exercise on account of those defects, and much pertinent counsel was given by concerned Friends, calculated to stir up the lukewarm, and make us more earnest in laboring to remove deficiencies from amongst us.

The Clerks were directed to prepare an Epistle of Advice to send down to the subordinate meetings, embracing as near as they can the exercise and concern of this meeting, and produce it to a future sitting.

The different Quarters make the following report on intoxicating liquors:

	Clear members.	Who use it.	Not inquired of.
Eastern Quarter,	260	12	—
Western "	258	19	16
New Garden "	87	4	1
Contentnea "	79	15	—
Lost Creek "	209	7	3
Deep River "	352	11	10
Southern "	327	27	11
Total,	1572	95	41

By these reports it appears that there are 1572 members who are clear of the use of intoxicating liquors as a drink, and 95 who are not clear, and 41 not inquired of; making in all 1708 members over 18 years of age.

Subordinate meetings are directed to continue their labors for the removal of this evil from amongst us, and report to next Yearly Meeting the number of our members over 18 years of age, male and female, distinguishing between those who use the article as a drink and those who use it not.

The different Quarters made the following report on deceased Ministers and Elders: Western Quarter reports—Elizabeth Thompson, deceased the 23d of 11 mo., 1857, aged 59 years—an Elder 25 years. New Garden—Jared Perkins deceased the 6th of 4th mo., 1858, aged 82 years and 9 months—an Elder 12 years and 10 months. Contentnea—Joseph Boswell deceased the 12th of 10th mo., 1857, aged about 76 years—an Elder 23 years. Wm. Edgerton deceased the 9th of 5th mo., 1857, in his 72nd year—an Elder 16 years; and Micajah Cox deceased the 9th of 6th mo., 1857, in his 54th year—an Elder 16 years.

The Trustees of New Garden Boarding School propose Samuel B. Hill for a member of the School Committee in place of Aaron Stalker who has removed out of the limits of the Southern quarter; of which this meeting approves, and appoints him a member of said Committee.

This Meeting adjourns to meet again on 5th day morning at 11 o'clock.

Fifth-day morning the 11th.—The meeting met according to adjournment.

The Committee appointed at a former sitting to settle with the Treasurer of this meeting, made the following report:

To the Yearly Meeting:—We the Committee appointed to settle with the different Treasurers accountable to the Yearly Meeting, make the following report:

We find in the hands of William Hockett, Western Treasurer, $123 11

Aaron Hammer, Lost Creek Treasurer, 24 55

Due Josiah T. White, Eastern " 1 77

We propose the sum of $350 to be raised to augment the Yearly Meeting's stock, apportioned as follows:

Eastern Quarter,	$72
Western "	62
New Garden "	16
Contentnea "	35
Lost Creek "	21
Deep River "	72
Southern "	72
Total,	$350

We propose William Hockett for Western Treasurer.

William Nicholson Eastern do.

Aaron Hammond, Lost Creek do.

We also find in the hands of Joseph Newlin, Treasurer of the common fund, $2,497 41

Deduct amount supposed not available, 220 00

Available amount, $2,277 41

Interest collected, including "Ten years subscription," and paid over to Superintendent, $163 51

In the hands of A. U. Tomlinson, Treasurer of charitable fund, $1,145 60

Interest collected thereon and paid over to the Superintendent, 106 28

Cash received on "Ten years subscription," by him, and paid over to Superintendent, 32 00

which we submit on behalf of the Committee,

10th of 11th mo., 1858. ISHAM COX.

Which the meeting approved, and appointed the Friends named to the stations proposed.

The Trustees of New Garden Boarding School made the following report, which being read, was accepted:

Twenty-second Report of the Trustees of New Garden Boarding School.

There have been in School during the past year 139 students; and of that number 60 were members of our Society, and children of members, and 79 were not connected with the Society. The average number is 78½, and 4 of these were day scholars. The general health of the family has been good through the year, and the order of the School observed in a good degree.

From the accounts rendered by the Superintendent, it appears that the whole indebtedness is		$14,136 64
And the amount due the school is	$10,046 25	
Books, provisions and cash on hand,	1,217 05	
Whole amount of means		11,263 30
Balance of debt against School,		$2,873 34
To which add doubtful debts,		1,300 00
Deficiency of available means,		$4,173 34

From the above statement it appears that the debt against the institution is greater than last year, to be accounted for in part, by interest accruing on balance of debt, and partly, by ascertaining the fact that the whole amount of debt was not reported last year, which we submit.

JOSEPH NEWLIN, Clerk.

10th of 11th mo., 1858.

This meeting appointed the following committee to advise in conjunction with the trustees of the Boarding School, and see whether some means may not be devised for improving its financial condition, and report to the meeting to-morrow. David White, Jonathan E. Cox, Nathaniel Woody, William Hockett, Ruben Starbuck, David Morgan, Daniel Beals, Thomas L. Hollowell, Lazarus Pearson, Nereus Mendenhall, Allen U. Tomlinson, Nathan B. Hill, Charles Pidgeon, Thomas Woody, James Peele, and E. E. Mendenhall.

The Trustees of New Garden Boarding School, suggest to the Yearly Meeting the propriety of selling a portion of the

land belonging to the school, to wit: a portion of the tract lying South of the original and adjoining the same, provided it meets the approval of the Yearly Meeting.

JOSEPH NEWLIN, Clerk.

10th mo, 11th, 1858.

The suggestion is referred to the above committee, and they are directed to report their judgment thereon to a future sitting.

The committee appointed in regard to the subject contained in the Postscript to the Epistle of Indiana, made the following report.

The committee to whom was referred, the proposition contained in a Postscript to the Epistle from Indiana Yearly Meeting of this year, suggesting the appointment of a committee to unite with similar committees that may be appointed by other Yearly Meetings, for the purpose of settling any difficulties that do or may exist in any of the Yearly Meetings on this continent, having convened and given the subject our weightiest deliberation and an open and free discussion, are united in judgment, that it would not be best to make such an appointment at present, which we submit to the meeting.

JOSEPH NEWLIN,

11th mo., 9th, 1858. on behalf of committee.

This report was read and approved by the meeting.

The proceedings of the "Meeting for Sufferings" during last year, were read and approved by the meeting.

This meeting adjourns till 10 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

Sixth-day morning the 12th.—The meeting met near the time adjourned to.

The committee on Education made the following report, which being read, was accepted, and the suggestion contained therein met the approbation of this meeting; and Monthly Meetings were recommended to appoint committees to act in conjunction with the standing committee of the Yearly Meeting.

Report.—According to accounts as far as received from the Quarters the number of children between 5 and 18 years of age is 657

Between 18 and 21 years of age 157

No. Schools taught by male members of Society 17
" " " female " " " 37
" " " those not members of our Society
to whom Friend's children have gone 50
No. that have gone to the Boarding School 30

There is one School under the care of a Quarterly Meeting and one under the care of a Monthly Meeting.

There are no children over 5 years of age who are not receiving some education. No report from Deep River has been received.

Eastern Quarter reports 2 First-day Schools.
Western " " 4 " "
New Garden " " 2 " " under the care of Friends, and 2 others to which some Friend's children go, all of which have been to general satisfaction.

We believe that if Friends were more enlisted in the cause of education, that an incalculable amount of good might be accomplished.

We therefore suggest to the Yearly Meeting the propriety of recommending Monthly Meetings to appoint committees to act in conjunction with the general committee, which we submit on behalf of the committee.

10th mo., 12th, 1858. ISHAM COX.

The committee appointed to confer with the Trustees of the Boarding School, made the following report, which was read and approved by the meeting.

We the committee appointed to confer with the Trustees of the Boarding School in regard to its present financial condition, report:

That we had a free conferrence with them, and found them ready to give us all the information which they could.

The points mainly claiming our attention were, first, the large amount of outstanding debts against the School, and the very great extent to which the credit system has been allowed to run; and secondly—the imperfect manner of keeping the accounts of debts due from the School, thus rendering it very difficult to tell at any time, how much we really do owe.

We were glad to find that both these subjects have been claiming the serious attention of the Trustees, and we have assurance from them that efforts will be perseveringly made,

both to collect and pay off the outstanding debts, and to introduce a reliable systen of book-keeping.

And to prevent the occurrence of a similar condition, we recommend a return to the original rule of payments quarterly in advance, either by cash or bond with good security.

The other subject referred to us—the propriety of selling a part of the school house lands—also, claimed our consideration, and we are of the united opinion that it would be best not to sell it at this time.

Signed on behalf of the committee, by

NEREUS MENDENHALL.

The Clerks produced an Epistle of Advice to be sent down to the subordinate meetings, which was read and approved, and the Clerk directed to sign the same on behalf of this meeting.

The committee appointed at a former sitting to prepare as way should open, returning minutes for Friends in attendance at this, from other Yearly Meetings, produced minutes expressive of our satisfaction with the labors and deportment of Joseph Stanly, Julia Ann McOol, Sarah Ann Linton, Luke Thomas, Mary Hadley, James G. Kendal, and Cyrus Cook, which being read were approved, and the Clerk directed to sign the same on behalf of the meeting.

The Clerk is directed to have 1000 copies of the Yearly Meeting's minutes printed, apportion and forward them to the different Quarterly Meetings, and draw on the treasurer for money to defray the expense.

The committee appointed to prepare Epistles to be sent to all the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, produced them, which were read and some corrections made. The Clerk was directed to make verbal alterations where it was thought best, transcribe, sign, and forward them to their places of destination.

Samuel D. Coffin was appointed correspondent of this Yearly Meeting in place of Elihu Coffin deceased.

The committee appointed at a former sitting, to have the London Epistle reprinted, produced them. The representatives are directed to convene at the rise of this meeting and apportion them among the Quarters.

This meeting having been favored to bring all its deliberations to a close in harmony and brotherly condescension, un-

der a sense of humble thankfulness to the Father of all our sure mercies, for the many favors received during its various sittings, solemnly concludes to meet at the usual time and place next year if the Lord permit.

JOHN R. HUBBARD, Clerk.

EPISTLE OF ADVICE

FROM THE YEARLY MEETING TO ITS SUBORDINATE MEETINGS.

Dear Friends:

We believe the divine wing of ancient goodness has been extended over us on the present occasion, and we are anxious to convey to all of our absent members some sense of the exercise and concern of this meeting.

The Answers to the Queries show that a remissness still exists in the attendance of our Religious Meetings, especially those held near the middle of the week. Faithfulness in this important duty was earnestly recommended. No worldly consideration or advantage ought to hinder us from attending all of our Religious Meetings.

What profit would it be to us in the solemn hour of death, if we should have gained the whole world? We shall then need something to lean upon, some support which no earthly riches can afford.

By neglecting the attendance of our Religious Meetings, we often lose opportunities which might be to us as showers upon the thirsty land. The language of the Apostle was feelingly brought to our minds: "I beseech you brethren by the mercies of God that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice wholly acceptable unto God which is your reasonable service," "not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another."

When Meeting day comes, if we are willing to leave our worldly concerns, take our families with us, and sit down together in solemn silence having our minds centered upon the Lord awaiting his time to be gracious to us, we shall often find these Meetings to be seasons of refreshment to our souls, and even our worldly matters will not suffer on account of our faithfulness in this important duty.

We are sorry to learn from the Answers to the Queries that there is still a lack of love and unity among some of our members.

The consequence of not loving a brother is very clearly set forth in the language of Holy Writ: "If we love not our brother whom we have seen, how can we love God whom we have not seen?"

We are commanded to love our enemies; then let us not only cultivate love for our friends, but let us also love our enemies, for by so doing we shall be enabled to overcome the wicked one.

A more faithful attention to the perusal of the Holy Scripturss was again feelingly dwelt upon. We believe the daily habit of reading them would greatly assist us in the performance of our various duties. Let us also strive to be more careful in the religious training of our children, and in teaching them the principles of our Society (which we believe to be the principles of the Christian religion,) in order that a succession of standard bearers may be raised up within our borders. "And these words which I command thee this day shall be in thine heart, and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."—These were directions given by the Lord to his chosen people in regard to teaching his commandments to their children.—If it were necessary for those under the old dispensation to be so particular in teaching the commandments of the Lord to their children, should we, under the new dispensation be less so in instilling into the minds of our children the principles of the christian religion?

An earnest desire is felt that we might faithfully preserve all the precious testimonils which have been handed down by our Forefathers in the truth. They labored and we have entered into their labors.

Let us strive to preserve them in their original purity, and to hand them down unsullied to our successors.

JOHN R. HUBBARD,
DELPHINA E. MENDENHALL. } Clerks.

MINUTES

OF THE

NORTH CAROLINA

YEARLY MEETING

OF THE

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS,

HELD AT

NEW GARDEN,

GUILFORD CO., NORTH CAROLINA,

11th mo. 7th, 1859.

GREENSBOROUGH:

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1859.

MINUTES.

At North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends held at New Garden, second day, the 7th of 11th mo., 1859, the meeting met near the time adjourned to.

The Clerk having stated that he was unable to serve the meeting as Clerk on account of sickness in his family, Wm. Clark was appointed Clerk for the day, and William Hockett assistant Clerk.

The representatives from the constituent Quarters being called, were present, except Alfred H. Lindley, Lewis Reynolds and Aaron Hammer. A reason was rendered for the absence of Aaron Hammer. Alfred H. Lindley and Lewis Reynolds are expected to render a reason to next meeting for their non-attendance at this

Isham Cox and Jonathan Harris were appointed messengers to the women's meeting.

Received and read in this meeting Minutes for the following Ministers from Indiana Yearly meeting of Friends, viz: Elwood Osborne, Cyrus Carter, and Mary Roberts.

John Carter, Isham Cox, Joseph Newlin, David V. Moffitt, Charles Benbow and James Peele, were appointed to prepare returning minutes as way may open for friends now in attendance with us, from other Yearly Meetings, and produce them to a future sitting.

The London printed Epistle, together with a written one from the same; also Epistles from each of the other Yearly Meetings with which we are in correspondence, except Baltimore, were received and read in this meeting, to our comfort and edification.

John Russel and Samuel D. Coffin were appointed to procure the reprint of 1000 copies of the London General Epistle, and produce them to a future sitting, and draw on this meeting's Treasurer to defray expenses.

The following friends were appointed a committee to prepare and produce to this meeting at a future sitting, Essays of Epistles to other Yearly Meetings, viz: Jeptha White, Wm. C. Outland, David White, Oswin White, Nathaniel Woody, Obed Marshburn, Isham Cox, Paris S. Benbow, Himelcus M.

Hockett, Samuel D. Coffin, Uriah Macy, Lewis Starbuck, Nathan B. Cox, Thomas Kenedy, John Hackney, Elihu E. Mendenhall, William Gardner, Jonathan Harris, John Carter, David V. Moffitt, Joseph Newlin, Nathan F. Spencer, Ezra Hammond, Simeon Barker, Daniel Allen and John Harris.

The following committee were appointed to settle with the different Treasurers of this meeting, propose a sum to be raised to augment its stock, and apportion the same among the Quarters in order to be raised. Also propose names for Treasurers, and report to a future sitting, viz: David White, Jr., James Peele, Paris S. Benbow, Isham Cox, Charles Benbow, Lewis Starbuck, Nathan T. Cox, Thomas S. Hollowell, John Hackney, Abner Bales, William Gardner, Micajah Hill, Franklin Davis and Nicholas Barker.

The Quarterly meetings severally produced the answers to the Queries. The Clerks were directed to prepare a summary from them and produce it to the meeting to-morrow.

New Garden Quarter proposes to change the time of holding its meetings, from the first 5th day after the 2nd seventh day, to the former time, which was the 2nd seventh day in the 3rd, 6th, 9th, and 12th months. The meeting for Ministers and Elders to be held the 6th day preceding. Which proposition was united with, and the change made accordingly.

Southern quarterly meeting proposes to the Yearly Meeting that it consider the propriety of changing that part of our Discipline relating to the subject of liberating Ministers to travel in truths' service. The following friends were appointed a committee to take the subject under consideration, and report their judgment thereon to a future sitting, viz: James Peele, Jonathan E. Cox, John Newlin, Paris S. Benbow, John Russell, Charles Benbow, Ichabod E. Pearson, Thomas Kenedy, Isaac Jones, John Hackney, David V. Moffitt, John Carter, Daniel Barker, Nathan F. Spencer, John Guyer, Isham Cox, Aaron Parker, Nixon Henly, Joseph Newlin, William Clark, William Hockett and Amos Stewart.

The representatives were directed to convene at the rise of this meeting for the purpose of proposing some friend to serve the meeting as Clerk, and also as Assistant Clerk, and report to the meeting to-morrow.

The meeting adjourned until 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Third day morning, the 8th.—The meeting met near the time adjourned to. The representatives reported that they had conferred together and agreed to propose the name of Wm. Clark for Clerk, and Wm. Hockett for Assistant Clerk; of which the meeting approved and appointed them accordingly.

The Clerks produced the following summary answers to the queries:

SUMMARY ANSWERS.

Ans. 1st.—Meetings for worship and discipline well attended by some Friends in all of the Quarters, (except one failure in

one monthly meeting.) Others are remiss therein, especially in the attendance of meetings held near the middle of the week. In three of the Quarters some friends are seldom seen at meeting. Care said to be taken in two of the quarters—the hour nearly observed, and no unbecoming conduct to report in any of the Quarters.

Ans. 2d.—Love and unity is maintained in a good degree in all of the Quarters, though there is some complaint in two of them. Tale bearing and detraction discouraged; and when differences have appeared endeavors have been used to end them; and the rules of discipline mostly put in practice in due time, in all of the Quarters.

Ans, 3d.—Plainness and moderation kept to by most Friends, though some remissness appears in all of the Quarters. Care is said to be taken in three of them. Those who have children appear concerned to discharge their duties in the other particulars of that query, except a fear is expressed in three of the Quarters that the proper training of our children is too much neglected.

Ans. 4th.—It is said in all of the quarters, a few friends use spiritous liquors as a drink—one instance of distilling in one of them. Care said to be taken in two of the quarters. Some complaint in one of the quarters of not sufficiently guarding against attending places of diversion.

Ans. 5th.—Friends bear a testimony against war, and mostly against a hireling ministry.

Ans. 6th.—Friends appear clear under the several heads of that query. Except one or two instances of owning by heirship in one of the Quarters, which is said to be under notice.

Ans. 7th.—Friends appear careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances. No complaint under the other heads of that query, except one instance in one of the Quarters of launching into trade beyond ability to manage.

Ans. 8th.—The necessities of poor friends relieved when known; and care taken under the other heads of that query, in all the Quarters.

Ans. 9th.—Clear in all of the Quarters, except one or two lawsuits in one of them, which is said to be under notice.

Advices.—In all of the Quarters the advices were read, and a hope is expressed in some degree attended to

During the reading of the queries and answers from the subordinate meetings many deficiencies were brought to view as still existing amongst us which was cause of deep humiliation; and the meeting was brought under deep exercise and concern on that account; and much salutary counsel and advice imparted by concerned Friends, calculated to stir us up to more diligence in our several duties, and for the removal of the many deficiencies still prevalent amongst us.

The Clerks were directed to prepare and produce to a future sitting a suitable Minute, embracing the exercises and labors of the day.

The 23d Annual Report of the Trustees of New Garden Boarding School was produced and read, and is as follows:

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF NEW GARDEN BOARDING SCHOOL.

In submitting this report, permit us to say that at the commencement of last session we were favored to see the propriety of appointing an agent to close all arrearages, and we are sorry to state that his Report shows the liabilities of this Institution to be much greater than was reported by the superintendent last year. Nevertheless, we feel comforted in the belief that we have now very nearly ascertained the whole amount of indebtedness, which is, at this time, including interest, $23,373.74

And the amount due the School, in notes at this time, including interest, is	$3,200.00	
Amount of open accounts rendered by Aaron Stalker, as due the School,	3,381.87	
Making	$6,581.87	
From which deduct twenty-five per cent. as unavailable,	1,645.47	
		$4,936.40
Which shows assets, supposed to be available, which taken from the indebtedness, leaves a balance against School of		$18,437.34
But upon examining the books, the agent finds upon the Ledger's unbalanced accounts in favor of the School, more than was rendered by the Superintendent, to the amount of		$2,194.61
And unbalanced accounts against the School to the amount of		$291.50

Most of which we believe to be settled or unavailable. Therefore, in consequence of the imperfect manner in which the books have been kept, it is impossible to tell what amount of open accounts are due the school until an interview can be had with the persons whose accounts are not balanced.

It may here be right to state that the amount which was considered due Aaron Stalker, to wit: $235.38, at the expiration of his term of service, and the commission allowed the agent are not taken into the above account, which is 2½ per cent on receipts and disbursements.

There have been in school during the past session, 65 students; and of that number 34 were members of our Society, and children of members, and 31 were not connected with the Society. The average number is 49, and 5 of these were day scholars.

The general health of the family has been good, except a few cases of Typhoid fever, on the account of which we thought best to suspend for two weeks, though the order was observed in a good degree.

From accounts rendered by the superintendent it appears that the amount due the school for the past session is $3,081.00
And the indebtedness 3,041.00

Showing a gain in the transaction of $40.00

We have received donations from Friends who are members of other Yearly Meetings, to the amount of $530.25, for the purposes of repairing and replenishing, which is being applied accordingly. JOSEPH NEWLIN, Clerk.

11th Month, 8th, 1859.

In view of the heavy embarassment of the Institution, the following Friends were appointed to act in conjunction with the Trustees, in taking the whole subject under consideration, and report their sense and judgment thereon to a future sitting: James Peele, Jeptha White, David White Jun., Owen T. Lindley, William Hockett, Obed Marshburn, John Newlin, Lewis Starbuck, Charles Benbow, Uriah Macy, Charles Pidgeon, Nathan B. Cox, Thomas Kennedy, Thomas S. Holowell, Isaac Jones, John Hackney, David V. Moffitt, William Gardner, Winslow Davis, Aaron Elliott, Nicholas Barker, Thomas Cox, Daniel Allen, Abner Beals, Jesse Wilson, Aaron Parker, William Clark, Elihu E. Mendenhall, Nereus Mendenhall, Enoch Farlow and Jonathan E. Cox.

The meeting solemnly adjourned until 5th day morning, 11 o'clock.

DECEASED MINISTERS AND ELDERS.

The different Quarters made the following Report on deceased Ministers and Elders:

Deep River Quarter reports Jeremiah Piggott, of Springfield Monthly Meeting. Died 21st of 9th Month, 1859, aged 62 years and 1 month. Was an Elder about 20 years.

Southern Quarter reports Samuel Hill deceased. Died 18th of 1st Month, 1859, aged 76 years, 10 months and 12 days.—Was an Elder over 40 years.

Contentnea reports Miriam Cox, an Elder, deceased. Died in the 86th year of her age, and had filled that station near 60 years.

REPORT ON SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS.

The different Quarters make the following Report on the use of spirituous liquors:

QUARTERS.	Clear Members.	Who use it.	Not Inquired of.
Eastern,	224	20	6
Western,	272	21	5
New Garden,	80	3	11
Contentnea,	72	6	3
Lost Creek,	215	3	5
Deep River,	313	13	.....
Southern,	281	26	23
Total.	1457	92	53

By these reports it appears that there are 1457 members who are clear of the use of intoxicating liquors as a drink, 92 who are not clear, and 53 not inquired of; making in all 1602 over 18 years of age. Subordinate meetings were directed to continue their labors for the removal of the article from amongst us, and report to next Yearly Meeting the number of our members over 18 years of age who use it as a drink, and those who use it not.

Fifth day morning, the 10th.—The meeting met near the time adjourned to. The Baltimore Epistle came to hand, was read, and placed in the hands of the Committee on Essays.

The Clerks produced, as directed at last sitting, a Minute embracing the exercises and concerns of the meeting during the consideration of the state of society, which was read and approved, and is as follows:

MINUTE OF ADVICE.

During the reading of the queries and answers to them, from the subordinate meetings, we have had to lament that many deficiencies still exist among us. One of the most prominent brought to view was the lack of many of our members in the attendance of our meetings, more particularly, near the middle of the week; through which neglect, leanness and barrenness in the field of offering, is often our portion, and the ways of Zion mourn because so few come up to the solemn feast. We were reminded of the Apostolic injunction, "I beseach you brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, wholly acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

The subject of silent meetings was adverted to as possibly being one cause of not assembling with our brethren and sisters, and we were recommended to look beyond the minister for that living bread that nourishes us unto eternal life. It was brought to our view that our forefathers were full believers in the doctrines of the gospel of life and salvation, and were enabled to suffer as good soldiers for Christ's sake, and to bear the testimonies given them before a sinful world. We are encouraged to follow on in their footsteps. that we might partake of the blessings attendant on the humble and obedient servants of the Lord. The promise of the Redeemer is, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them;" and his word is yea and amen forever. Love, one toward another, was adverted to as being a true badge of discipleship. "Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friend." Through the strength of this love operating in their hearts, our worthy predecessors in the truth were even enabled to offer their natural bodies for the release of their brethren from noisome prisons, where they were cast for the testimony they bore to the spiritual reign of the blessed Redeemer in the regenerate

heart of fallen man. A sympathizing feeling was expressed towards the stripped members of society in this part of the heretage, who often mentally can say, brethren pray for us, that the strengthening arm of Divine power may be felt underneath for the support of the militant Church here below, and that through the baptising and cleansing operation of his spirit who died for us, we may become initiated with that company of whom it was said, "Who is this that cometh up from the wilderness, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners."

The Committee appointed on the proposition from Southern Quarter produced the following Report, which was approved, and the alteration directed to be made:

The Committee to whom was referred the proposition from Southern Quarterly Meeting proposing that the Yearly Meeting consider the propriety of changing the Discipline in relation to liberating ministers to travel in truth's service, having convened and given the subject our deliberate attention, are united in judgment that the word *two* in the 15th line from top of page 26 be erased, and the word *more* inserted in its stead; and in the succeeding paragraph the words, *or more than two other Yearly Meetings on this continent*, be erased.—Which is submitted to the meeting.

JOSEPH NEWLIN, on behalf of Com.

11th Month, 8th, 1859.

SETTLEMENT WITH TREASURERS.

The Committee, appointed to settle with the different Treasurers accountable to this Meeting, produced the following Report, which was read and approved, and the Treasurers therein proposed appointed accordingly:

We, the Committee appointed to settle with the Treasurers of this Meeting, report that we find in the hands of William Hocket, Western Treasurer, $60.66\frac{1}{2}$.

We find that William Nicholdson, Eastern Treasurer, lacks $190.30 of being able to pay the claims due from him as Treasurer.

We find in the hands of Aaron Hammer, Lost Creek Treasurer, $13.00, after correcting an error of $4.55, made last year.

We propose the sum of $500 to be raised to augment the Yearly Meetings, the stock apportioned as follows:

Eastern Quarter,		$102 00
Western	"	87 00
New Garden	"	25 00
Contentnea	"	51 00
Last Creek	"	30 00
Deep River	"	103 00
Southern	"	102 00

We propose William Hockett for Western Treasurer; Wm. Nicholdson, Eastern, and Aaron Hammer for Lost Creek.

We find in the hands of John Carter, Treasurer of Common Fund, $1998.41 of cash funds, and $530 of notes of every grade, as originally given, all at interest. The former Treasurer says he has paid to the Superintendent what interest he had received, and that he had a receipt at home for the same. The present Treasurer has paid over to the Superintendent $113.90, the amount he has received. We find in the hands of Allen U. Tomlinson, Treasurer of Charity Fund, $1145.60 at interest. He has paid Aaron Stalker, Superintendent, $44.00, and Jonathan E. Cox $26 09—making $70.00, the amount of interest accrueing and back dues. All of which is submitted.

PARIS S. BENBOW, on behalf of Com.

The Trustees of the Boarding School propose that Lewis Starbuck be appointed one of the School Committee, instead of Aaron Stalker, deceased, which proposition was united with, and he appointed accordingly.

The Committee appointed to confer with the Trustees of the Boarding School produced the following Report, which was read, and after a time of weighty deliberation, was approved:

We the Committee appointed to confer with the Trustees of the Boarding School, afier a free interchange of opinion on the subject, approve of said Report; and in regard to the great debtedness of the School, we have been able to see no better way than to recommend to the Yearly Meeting to assume the payment of said debts, and now to adopt some method to accomplish that object.

John Newlin,	Daniel Allen,
James Peele,	Aaron Parker,
David V. Moffitt,	Owen T. Lindley,
Jesse Wilson,	Louis Starbuck,
John Hackney,	Isaac Jones,
Charles Pidgeon,	Nerius Mendenhall,
Jeptha White,	William Clark,
David White, Jun.,	Aaron Elliott,
Jonathan E. Cox,	Nicholas Barker.

The Minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings during the past year, were read and approved, and the Clerk was directed to sign the same.

John Russell, Stephen Macey, Nicholas Barker, Thomas Cox, Jonathan Harris, Aaron Elliott, John D. Allen and Mahlon Hockett were appointed to report names to the Meeting to-morrow to fill vacancies that have occurred in the Meeting for Sufferings.

The meeting adjourned until to-morrow, 11 o'clock.

Sixth day morning, the 11*th.*—The meeting met near the time adjourned to.

The Committee appointed to propose names to fill vacancies that have occurred in the Meeting for Sufferings, pro-

duced the following Report, which was approved, and the Friends therein named appointed accordingly:

We, the Committee appointed to produce names to fill vacancies in the Meeting for Sufferings, propose the following: Uriah Macey, Samuel D Coffin, Elihu E. Mendenhall, William Gardner, Nathan B. Hill, Thomas Cox, Nathan F. Spencer, Elihu Barker and Isham Cox.

JONATHAN HARRIS, on behalf of Com.

The great embarrassment of our Boarding School being weightily considered, and the interest manifested therein inducing the Meeting to enter into a subscription for the liquidation of its debt, rather more than $3000.00 was subscribed. The different Quarterly Meetings are directed to hold out further subscription in aid of the same. The following Friends were appointed to attend thereto, and report to next Yearly Meeting: David White, jun., Jeptha White, Isham Cox, William Hockett, Samuel D. Coffin, Charles Pidgeon, Nathan B. Cox, Isaac Jones, John Hackney, Thomas Kennedy, A. U. Tomlinson, Elihu E. Mendenhall, William Clark and Joseph Newlin. Any money which they may receive on that which has already been subscribed, or may be subscribed hereafter, they are directed to forward to Isham Cox, Agent of Trustees, Mudlick, Chatham Co., N. C.

The Committee, appointed to settle with the different Treasurers of this meeting, find that there is a deficiency of $190.30 in the Eastern treasury, and this meeting therefore directs its Treasurer to pay that amount over into the hands of William Nicholdson, Eastern Treasurer.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education made the following Report, which was approved, and Samuel A. Henly was appointed as proposed:

So far as accounts have been received, it appears that the number of children between the ages of 5 and 18 years, is 458

" " " " " " 18 and 21 "	135
No. schools taught by male members of our Society,	14
" " " " female " " " "	16
" " " " those not members, to which Friends' children have gone,	37
No. reported as having been to the Boarding School,	17
Do. First-day schools,	4

None over five years of age who are not receiving some education.

No Report from Deep River Quarter.
" " " Rich Square Monthly Meeting.
" " " Newberry " "
" " " Spring Preparative "

We desire that the Committees in these Meetings may be more vigilent in the future.

We propose Samuel A. Henly for one of the Committee on Education in place of Jesse Henley, removed.

ISHAM COX, on behalf of Cem.

11th Month, 11th, 1859.

The Committee, appointed to prepare Minutes for Friends in attendance with us from other Yearly Meetings, produced some, which were approved, and the Clerk directed to sign them on behalf of the Meeting.

The following Minute of the Select Meeting was received and read, and after a time of solid deliberation approved, and the Committee encouraged to perform their duty as way opened; and subordinate meetings are requested to adjourn to suit the convenience of the Committee in the performance of their visit:

"During the sitting of the meeting of Ministers and Elders, that meeting was brought into feeling exercise on account of the stripped condition of Society within our borders; and after deliberation thereon, the Meeting appoints the following named friends to visit the subordinate meetings, and there labor as ability may be afforded for the strength and encouragement of their brethren and sisters of the same household of Faith, to wit—Daniel Barker, John Carter, Thomas Kennedy, Isham Cox, Penelope Gardner, Margaret Davis, Rachel Starbuck and Elizabeth P. Peele."

The Committee on Essays produced Epistles to all the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, which were read, and the Clerk is directed to make verbal corrections, transcribe and sign, and forward them to their places of destination.

The Committee, appointed to procure the reprint of the London General Epistle, produced them, and the representatives were directed to apportion them among the different Quarters.

Samuel D. Coffin was appointed to have the Minutes of this meeting put in proper order for the press, and have 1000 copies printed, and apportion them among the several Quarters, and draw on the treasurer for money to defray the expense.

This Meeting having been favored to bring all its deliberations to a close in harmony and brotherly condescension, under a sense of humble thankfulness to the Father of all our sure mercies, for the many favors received during its various sittings, solemnly concludes to meet at the usual time and place next year, if the Lord permit.

WILLIAM CLARK, Clerk.

MINUTES

OF

NORTH CAROLINA

Yearly Meeting of Friends,

HELD AT

NEW GARDEN,

FROM 5TH TO 9TH OF ELEVENTH MONTH INCLUSIVE, 1860.

GREENSBOROUGH, N. C.
SHERWOOD & LONG, PRINTERS, PATRIOT OFFICE.
1860.

MINUTES.

At North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends, held at New Garden, second day, the 5th of 11th month, 1860, the meeting met near the time adjourned to.

The Clerk, not being present Nereus Mendenhall was appointed for the day.

The representatives from the Quarters being called, were present, except John Pelle, Daniel Boles, Isaac Lee, James C. Allen, and Stephen Hobson. A reason was received for the absence of all, except Stephen Hobson and Isaac Lee, who are expected to render a reason to next meeting for their absence.

John Carter and Isham Cox were appointed messengers to the women's meeting.

Received and read in this meeting, Minutes for the following Ministers and their companions:—David Hunt, accompanied by his wife Sarah Ann Hunt, Eli Newlin, and Naomi Coffin, accompanied by her husband Elijah Coffin, from Indiana Yearly Meeting—Samuel Lloyd from Ohio—Wm. Johnson from Western—Sibyl Jones from New England, Eliza Barclay from London Yearly Meeting, and Eliza P. Gurney from Philadelphia.

Wm. Cox, Thomas Kennedy, John Carter, Joseph R. Parker, Nathan B. Hill, are appointed to prepare returning Minutes, as way may open, for Friends now in attendance with us from other Yearly Meetings, and produce them to a future sitting.

The London printed and written Epistles, also one from each of the other Yearly Meetings, with which we correspond, were received and read in this meeting, to our comfort and edification.

John Russell was appointed to procure the re-print of 1200 copies of the London General Epistle, produce them to a future sitting, and draw on the Treasurer to defray the expense.

The following Friends were appointed to prepare and produce to this meeting at a future sitting, Essays of Epistles to other Yearly Meetings: Joseph R. Parker, Nathaniel Woody, Obed Marshman, John Russell, Uriah Mary, Nathan B. Hill, Nathan T. Spencer, Isaac H. Cox, L. J. Moore, John Harris, E. E. Mendenhall, Wm. Gardner, Jonathan Frazier, Isaac Parker, David V. Henly, Thos. E. Winslow, Allen U. Tomlinson, Nathan D. Woody, Alfred H. Lindley, Isham Cox.

The following Committee was appointed to settle with the different Treasurers of this meeting, propose a sum to be raised to augment its stock, and apportion the same among

the Quarters—also, propose names for Treasurers—Isaac Parker, P. S. Benbow, Thomas Benbow, Joseph Newlin, Lazarus Pearson, Jonathan Harris, Aaron Elliott, Thomas E. Winslow, Nathan B. Hill, Matthew Pike.

This meeting has been informed by Indiana and Baltimore Meetings for sufferings, that they feeling much sympathy with us on account of the great indebtedness of our Boarding School, have deputed, respectively, Elijah Coffin and Francis T. King, to attend with us, and exanine into the state of affairs relative to said indebtedness, in conjunction with similar Committees from other Yearly Meetings, should they be appointed—and to consult as to the most effectual method of affording us relief. Joseph R. Parker, William Hockett, Thomas Benbow, Cyrus Carter, Lazarus Pearson, Nathan B. Hill, and Elihu Mendenhall are appointed to confer in conjunction with said deputation, with the Trustees of the Boarding School, to acquire what information they can from them and other sources, and to report to a future sitting

Our beloved friends, Dr. Theophilus Beesley and John M. Whitall, who are with us from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, are also invited to be present and act with the above Committee.

The Quarterly Meetings, except Lost Creek, have produced the answers to the Queries. The Clerks are directed to prepare a summary from them and produce it to the meeting to-morrow.

The representatives were directed to convene at the rise of this meeting for the purpose of proposing some Friend to serve the meeting as Clerk, and also one for Assistant, and report to the meeting to-morrow.

The meeting adjourned until 11 o'clock to-morrow.

Third-day Morning, the 6th.—The meeting met near the time adjourned to.

After a season—in which men's and women's meetings united—of solemn worship and prayer to the Ruler of Heaven and earth, that He, who turneth the hearts of the children of men, as a man turneth a water course in his field, would turn the hearts of rulers and people, to righteousness, justice and mercy, and that our present form of Civil Government, with its attendant blessings, may be preserved in peace, and all be overruled to His glory—the Meeting resumed its business.

The representatives reported that they have conferred together, and agreed to propose Nereus Mendenhall for Clerk, and William Hockett for Assistant—of which the meeting approves and appoints them accordingly.

The Clerks produced the following summary answers to the Queries.

SUMMARY ANSWERS.

Ans. 1.—Meetings for worship and discipline well attended by some Friends in all Quarters, (except some failures in one monthly meeting.) Others are remiss therein, especially in the attendance of meetings held near the middle of the week. In all of the Quarters some friends are seldom seen at meeting. Care said to be taken in five of the quarters—the hour nearly observed, and no unbecoming conduct to report in any of the Quarters.

Ans. 2d.—Love and unity is maintained in a good degree in all of the Quarters, though there is some complaint in three of them. Care taken in one. Tale bearing and detraction discouraged; and when differences have appeared endeavors have been used to end them; and the rules of discipline mostly put in practice in all of the Quarters.

Ans. 3d.—Plainness and moderation kept to by most Friends, though some remissness appears in all of the Quarters. Care is said to be taken in one of them. Those who have children appear concerned to discharge their duties in the other particulars of that query, except that a fear is expressed in three of the Quarters that the proper training of our children is too much neglected.

Ans. 4th.—It is said in all of the quarters, a few friends use spiritous liquors as a drink—one instance of distilling in one of them. Care said to be taken in two of the quarters. No complaint in the other part of that query.

Ans. 5th.—Friends bear a testimony against war except in one instance, which is under notice, and mostly against a hireling ministry.

Ans. 6th.—Friends appear clear under the several heads of that query, except two instances of holding by heirship and one or two instances of hiring, one of which is said to be under notice.

Ans. 7th.—Friends appear careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances. No complaint under the other heads of that query.

Ans. 8th.—The necessities of poor friends relieved when known; and care taken under the other heads of that query, in all the Quarters.

Ans. 9th.—Clear in all of the Quarters, except one lawsuit in one of them, which is said to be under notice.

Advices.—In all of the Quarters the advices were read, and a hope is expressed in some degree attended to.

During the reading of the queries and answers from the subordinate meetings many deficiencies were brought to view as still existing amongst us; and the meeting was brought under deep exercise on that account. Much salutary counsel and advice were imparted by concerned Friends, calculated to stir us up to more diligence in our several duties.

The Clerks were directed to prepare and produce to a future sitting a suitable Minute, embracing the exercises and labors of the day.

Iowa Yearly Meeting.—Having been informed by a postscript to the Epistle from Indiana Yearly Meeting, that that body, after due consideration of a request from its Quarters in Iowa, has judged it right, that a new Yearly Meeting, called "*Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends*" should be opened in the 9th month 1863, at or near Oscaloosa, Mahaska county, Iowa—and the subject claiming our consideration, both men's and women's Meetings cordially united in the judgment, that said Yearly Meeting be established and held accordingly.

A proposition was received from the Eastern Quarter, that each Quarterly Meeting should be authorized to appoint a member to act in conjunction with the Trustees of New Garden Boarding School with full power to act and correspond in all respects, as a Trustee, for the benefit of said School. Thomas Kennedy, Lewis Reynolds Alfred H. Lindley, Nathan B. Hill, Daniel Barker and Jas. Pelle, are appointed to take the matter under consideration, and to report to a future sitting.

The following Friends are added to the Committee appointed to settle with the Treasurers, &c., to assist them in apportioning among the Quarters, the Yearly Meeting stock, and other funds which may be directed to be raised: Jos. Pelle, Jos. R. Parker, Jonathan Cox, A. H. Lindley, Lewis Starbuck, Uriah Macy, Nicholas Barker, Thomas Kennedy, Isaac H. Cox, A. U. Tomlinson, and E. E. Mendenhall.

DECEASED MINISTERS AND ELDERS.

The different Quarters made the following report on deceased Ministers and Elders.

Western Quarter.—Reports James Woody deceased 17 of 9th mo. 1859, aged 62 years 4 months and 25 days—was an Elder 1 years.

Jane Hodgin, deceased 4th month, 20th, 1860. Aged 70 years 1 month and 15 days—having filled the station of Elder 1 years.

Southern Quarter.—Isaac Farlow, deceased 4th month, 9th, 1860; aged 92 years 5 months and 14 days—having been an Elder more than 40 years. He was a member of Marlborough Monthly Meeting.

Lost Creek Quarter.—Jonathan Jones deceased. 9th mo., 18th, 1859, aged 48 years and 7 months—an Elder 13 years.

REPORT ON SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS.

The different Quarters make the following Report on the use of spirituous liquors:

QUARTERS.	Clear Members.	Who use it.	Not inquired of.
Eastern,	204	24	15
Western,	282	17	1
New Garden, (Imperfect.)	36	2	
Contentnea,	69	14	12
Lost Creek,	206	2	8
Deep River, (Imperfect.)	231	15	1
Southern,	323	7	34
Total,	1351	81	71

By these reports it appears that there are 1351 members who are clear of the use of intoxicating liquors as a drink, 81 who are not clear, and 71 not inquired of. Subordinate meetings were directed to continue their labors for the removal of the article from amongst us, and report to next Yearly Meeting the number of our members over 18 years of age who use it as a drink, and those who use it not.

The Meeting then solemnly adjourned to Fifth day morning, 11 o'clock.

Fifth day morning, the 8th.—The Meeting met near the time adjourned to.

The Clerks produced a Minute embracing the exercises of the meeting on 3d day, which was read and approved; as follows:

MINUTE OF ADVICE.

During the reading of the queries and answers, we have had to lament that many deficiencies still exist among us. Prominent among these, is a neglect in the attendance of our meetings, particularly those held near the middle of the week.

It was impressed upon us that we should not, on account of the smallness, or the silence of these meetings give way to discouragement in attending them. Let all endeavor to hold their meetings to the honor of Truth—attending to their business in a prompt and lively manner, and making their reports to superior meetings with care. It is to be feared that some have their minds so much set upon moving away from this part of the land, that they are neglecting their proper duties. Whatever may be right for us in this respect, may we not forget that there is an emigration for us all, and endeavor so to walk that when the period for it arrives, it may, indeed, be to a better country—that is an Heavenly. And though a voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping; Rachel weeping for her children, the encouraging language still remains, Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life. Draw near unto God and he will draw nigh unto you. Let us wait upon the Lord and we shall experience that renewal of strength which is so much needed, not for ourselves only, but that we may be instrumental in encouraging others,

both by example and precept, and so far as may be, building up the waste places. And even if we do not succeed, there is no condemnation to the faithful—the language to him being, Let alone, he hath done what he could.

Thus meeting and living in the promise, that "where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them," we should prize these precious meetings with the Saviour, and loving and serving him, we should keep his commandment to love one another. This, indeed, is the mark of true discipleship: "By this, shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another"—and not only so, but we must strive to acquire that spirit which would enable us, under cruel provocations and persecutions, to love even our enemies. To this must we come, if we have the spirit of Christ, who, when nailed to the Cross amid the jeers and scoffs of his enemies, did not call for divine judgments upon those who, returning evil for good, were inflicting upon him such terrible tortures, but on the contrary, with boundless love, commended them to the mercy of God—praying, "Father forgive them for they know not what they do."

The query in regard to the training up of our children, was dwelt upon as one of very great importance Are children trained up in the principles of our religious profession? if so, they are trained up not merely to an outward conformity, but in the principles of the Christian religion; a belief in God as Creator and Upholder of the universe, and as the Heavenly Father of all nations and people—a belief in his dear son our Lord Jesus Christ, and his offices as mediator, shepherd, teacher, prophet, high priest and king—a belief in His holy Spirit as a light and guide, convincing of sin, bringing to repentance, and effecting the work of sanctification; in the doctrines of a future life, an eternal existence beyond the grave, in which all will be rewarded according as their works have been.

As a great auxiliary in teaching these and other doctrines of our Society—the practice was insisted on—of daily collecting our families around us, retiring in Spirit, reading a portion of the Holy Scriptures, giving such instruction as may seem meet, and bearing the dear little flock on our hearts, sometimes in silent, sometimes it may be with bended knee, in vocal prayer before the Lord.

"Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord, and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt

write them upon the posts of thy house and on thy gates." This was an injunction laid upon the Jews of old. Can it be less, is it not more obligatory upon Christians of the present day?

Thus living, we not only improve ourselves, becoming informed in our own principles, and able to answer honest inquiries; but we are in some degree, fulfilling that command of the Saviour: "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not"—and may hope to meet with acceptance when the solemn inquisition is made, "What hast thou done with the lambs committed to thy charge."

By the Reports rendered, it appears that there are 81 of our members who are still in the habit of unnecessarily using spirituous liquors. When we consider the wide-spread and manifold evils, the wretchedness and sin which flow from this source—as from a fountain—our hearts are burdened with the thought that so many of our highly professing Society are still in this baneful practice. The evil is not to themselves alone. And while we feel that none who thus indulge can be secure, we have at this time, been led to look more at the example which is thus set for others—it may be their own children. This may live long after they themselves are in the grave. The drunkard reeling to and fro—lying stupid by the wayside, or given up to revelling and profanity is an object of disgust. His example will never be pleaded. It is the temperate drinker, whose influence in this respect, is most dangerous; and we entreat our members who are of this number, seriously, to reflect whither their example is tending. For such, "taste not, touch not, handle not," we believe to be the only safe ground.

The meeting was also, introduced into deep feeling in respect of a proper observance of the First Day of the week; and Friends were encouraged as much as possible, to adopt a systematic religious life. We would not encourage empty formality—but we do believe that there can hardly be much growth in religious experience unless order and system prevail—and as highly conducive to this end, we recommend an observance of the First Day of the week as a day of rest and religious improvement. As a day of rest merely, it is highly advantageous to both man and beast—but when we look to our religious interests, and the opportunity which the day affords us for improvement in this respect, the benefits are incalculable.

"Let us, therefore, abstain from all visiting and traveling, and all business of a secular kind, which are not required by necessity or in acts of mercy and charity, on that day, also from gathering into companies for social intercourse or light amusements, hunting, fishing, pleasure-riding, and such like. And let us meet together for the worship of Almighty God, and "be careful to make a profitable and religious use of those

portions of time of the First-day of the week] which are not occupied by our meetings for worship."

The Committee appointed to apportion among the Quarters the funds directed to be raised by this meeting, report as follows:

To the Yearly Meeting now sitting,

Dear Friends: The Committee to whom was referred the apportionment of the Boarding School debt, report that we united in recommending the Yearly Meeting to confirm the apportionment made by order of the Meeting for sufferings: James Peele, Thomas Kennedy, A. M. Thornburg, Joseph Newlin, Lazarus Pearson, Isaac H. Cox, Isaac Parker, Nicholas Parker, Nathan B. Hill, A. H. Lindley, Jonathan Harris, Matthew Pike, E. E. Mendenhall, Joseph R. Parker, Isham Cox, Thomas E. Winslow, P. S. Benbow. Of which the Meeting approves.

The following is the apportionment of the Boarding School debt made by order of the Meeting for Sufferings:

Eastern Quarter,	$4080
Western	3480
New Garden,	1000
Contentnea,	2040
Deep Creek,	1200
Deep River,	4320
Southern,	4080
	$20000

The Quarters are directed to raise the money as apportioned and pay the same to Isham Cox, Agent, to be applied to the liquidation of said debt.

The Minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings during the past year were read and approved, and the Clerk was directed to sign them.

We have received at this time, from London Meeting for Sufferings, an acceptable donation of two volumes, containing the Epistles from the Yearly Meeting of Friends held in London from the year 1681 to 1857. They are directed to be placed in the Library at our Boarding School.

A. H. Lindley and Lewis Reynolds gave reasons for their absence from last Yearly Meeting.

The Committee on the proposition from the Eastern Quarter report as follows:

New Garden, 8th of 11th mo., 1860.

To the Yearly Meeting,

Dear Friends: The Committee to whom was referred the proposition from the Eastern Quarter, have taken the subject under consideration, and agree to propose to the Yearly Meet-

ing to remove the restriction which confines the appointment of Committeemen to the four adjacent Quarterly Meetings, so that one member may be chosen from the Eastern Quarter and one from Contentnea, as we learn, there are likely to be vacancies to fill; and also, we recommend that the Trustees be requested to make them members of their body; which we submit.

A. H. LINDLEY.
On behalf of the Committee.

Of which the Meeting approves and directs the appointments to be made accordingly.

SETTLEMENT WITH TREASURERS.

The Committee appointed to settle with the different Treasurers accountable to this meeting, produced the following Report, which was read and approved, and the Treasurers herein proposed appointed accordingly:

We the Committee appointed to settle with the different Treasurers accountable to this Meeting, report that we find in the hands of Wm. Hockett, Western Treasurer $107 75½ cents. $103 00 of which should have gone into the hands of William Nicholson, Eastern Treasurer as directed last year, and perhaps would have done if the directions of the Meeting had been understood.

We find that according to the account of Wm. Nicholson, Eastern Treasurer, he lacks $156 80 of being able to pay the claims against that Treasury.

We find in the hands of Daniel Bales for Aaron Hammer Treasurer, for Lost Creek $25.000.

We propose the sum of $500 00 to augment the Yearly Meeting stock apportioned as follows:

Eastern Quarter,	$162 00
Western	102 00
Deep River,	102 00
Southern	102 00
Contentnea,	47 00
New Garden,	25 00
Lost Creek,	20 00

We propose William Hockett for Western Treasurer, Wm. Nicholson for Eastern Treasurer, Isaac Jones Treasurer for Lost Creek.

We find in the hands of John Carter Treasurer of Common Fund $1998 41 of cash funds, and $530.00 of notes, as originally given, out of which, we select $235.00, what we think worthless, and $295.00 of which, something possibly may be had. The interest has not been paid over but is ready to be paid over.

We find in the hands of Allen U. Tomlinson, Treasurer of Charity Fund $1005.93 at interest. He has collected and paid

to the Superintendent of the Boarding School $112.70, being the whole interest, and some back interest on said fund; all of which we submit.

P. S. BENBOW,
On behalf of the Committee.

The 24th Annual Report of the Trustees of New Garden Boarding School was produced, read and approved, and is as follows:

There have been in School during the past session 63 students, thirty members, and 33 not members, averaging 54, and of that number 6½ were day scholars,—and for the second session, 76 students, 39 members, and 37 not members, averaging 53½, of which, 6½ were day scholars. Averaging for the year 53½, and day scholars 6½.

The general health of the family has been good, and the rules of the School in a good degree observed.

From the books of the Superintendent, it appeard that there are due the School,		$2893 83
Provisions on hand,		744 58
		$3638 41
The School owes	2937.00	
Provisions last year	453.75	
Balance due last year	42.40	3433 15
		$205 26
Amount paid for repairs,	326 75	
Less amount paid by donations,	132.63	
Amount paid by School for repairs,		$194 12
The amount gained in the year's transaction,		$399 38
Less amount paid for repairs out of funds of School,		194 12
True gain for the year		$205 26

For the information of the Meeting, it may be proper to state that the above statements are made out and footed to the termination of the last Session, and we are informed by the Superintendent, that he has since the footing, received some thirteen or fourteen hundred dollars of the above debts.

Which is submitted to the Meeting.

JOSEPH NEWLIN, Clerk,

5th of 11th mo., 1860.

APPENDIX.

STATEMENT OF OLD INDEBTEDNESS.

To the Trustees of New Garden Boarding School,

Dear Friends: Permit me to say that the additional amount of debt against the School, as far as ascertained, since our last Yearly Meeting,

is,.....		$ 862 72
Which added to the former sum of.....		23373 74
Makes the whole indebtedness.....		$24236 46
Collected on former dues.....	$1200 00	
Collected on subscription.....	5158 32	$ 6358 32
Which taken from the above leaves.....		$17878 14
To which add interest for the past year.....		1250 32
Making the debt now as near as can be estimated,		$19128 46
The amount of debt due the School, supposed last year, available to be.....	$4.936.40	
Of this there has been paid $1200, Estimated loss on the balance $1236.40	2436.40	
Leaves amount considered good.....	$2500,00	
Unreceived subscription $613,55, Deduct as unavailable.....113,55	500.00	
Showing as good, ...	$3,000.00	$3000 00
Making balance of debts to this date,.....		$16128 46

To which the agent's commission of 2½ pet cent. is to be added.

ISHAM COX, Agent.

5th of 11th mo., 1860.

The foregoing report of our agent being produced to this meeting of the Trustees, after reading, was approved, and directed to be countersigned by our Clerk, who is directed to forward it to the Yearly Meeting.

JOSEPH NEWLIN, Clerk.

11th mo., 7th, 1860.

The Trustees of the School have changed the Sessions of the School as follows: First Session to commence on Second-day after Yearly Meeting, and continue until the last sixth day in fifth month, after a vacation of eight weeks, the second Session to commence, and continue until one week before Yearly Meeting. JOSEPH NEWLIN, Clerk.

11th mo., 8th, 1860.

The Meeting adjourned until to-morrow, 11 o'clock.

Sixth day morning, the 9th.—The Meeting met near the time adjourned to.

The Answers from Lost Creek were received and read.

The Clerk is directed to condense them in the summary.

The subject of changing the place of holding this Yearly Meeting being laid before us at this time, Isaac Parker, Jos. R. Parker, David White, Wm. Hockett, John Dixon, Obed Osborne, Chas. Benbow, John Russell, Charles Pigeon, Thomas Kennedy, Wm. Cox, Lazarus Pearson, David V. Henly, Daniel

Barker, John Newlin, Jonathan Cox, Nathan B. Hill, John Carter, A. U. Tomlinson, Micajah Hill, Aaron Elliott, Nereus Mendenhall, Sarah Elliott, Ann Elliott, Harriet Jessup, Anna Benbow, Grace Thornburgh, Rachel Starbuck, Abigail H. Stanly, Eliza Lindley, Hannah W. Osborne, Mary Moore, Isabella Kennedy, Sally Edgerton, Lydia Barker, Elizabeth Stout, Rachel Henley, Emily Hyatt, Penelope Gardner, and Rhoda C. Elliott, are appointed to take the matter under serious consideration, and report their judgment, together with any proposition they may think proper to make, to next meeting

The Committee appointed in conjunction with the deputation from Indiana and Baltimore Yearly Meetings, to confer with the Trustees of the Boarding School, in regard to its indebtedness, report as follows:

To the Yearly Meeting now sitting,

The Committee appointed at a former sitting to unite with Friends appointed from other Yearly Meetings, and the Trustees of New Garden Boarding School, to investigate the financial condition of said School, report that we have given the subject our careful attention, and believe the indebtedness to be as follows:

Debt as reported last year,		$23.373 74
Debt since ascertained,		842 72
Interest accumulated since last year,		1.250 32
Agents commission estimated last year,		1.000 00
		$26.486 78
Old debts collected by Agent last year,	$1 200	
Subscriptions paid in by two Quarters last year,	5.158 32	
Cash in hands of Quarters and in readiness to pay,	2.131 05	8.489 37
		$17.997 41
Old debts estimated last year as good,	3.736 40	
Old subscriptions last year as good,	613 55	
	4.349 95	
Now estimated as worthless,	1.349 95	3000 00
Estimated deficiency at this date, 11th mo., 9th, 1860.		$14.997 41

We recommend to the Yearly Meeting to consider the propriety of directing the Trustees of the Boarding School to look to, and endeavor to accomplish a judicious closing up of that Institution, and disposing of the property by sale, at as early a day as can be prudently done.

CYRUS E. CARTER,
On behalf of the Committee.

11th mo., 9th, 1860.

Of which the Meeting approves, and directs the Trustees to act as therein recommended.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education reported as follows, of which the Meeting approves, and directs the Quarters to extend the care heretofore required of said Committee, and to report to next Yearly Meeting.

The Committee on Education report, that so far as accounts have been received, it appears that the No., of children between the ages of 5 and 18 years, is.....524
Between the ages of 18 and 21 years.....116
No. of Schools taught by male members of our Society,..... 11
"....."....."....."....by female..."....."...."...."..... 20
"....."....."....."...those not members of our Society,.....
No. to which Friends children have gone..... 37
No. reported as having gone to the Boarding School..... 25
" of First day Schools 4
One School under the care of a Quarterly Meeting.
None over 21 years of age but what are receiving some education.
From a few of the Monthly Meetings there has come up no report.

In consequence of the delinquency in several of the Quarters, we are not prepared at this time, to make but a partial report, and what few of us have met, are united in judgment, that the design of this appointment is not being realized by the Yearly Meeting; we therefore, request to be released from further service therein, and would propose that the Yearly Meeting direct the Quarters to extend care, and forward a report on Education to our next Yearly Meeting.

Which we respectfully submit to the Meeting.

ISHAM COX,
On behalf of the Committee.

11th mo., 9th, 1859.

The Committee appointed in the different Quarters to receive subscriptions on account of the Boarding School debt, report attended to. As this debt has now been apportioned among the Quarters, the Committee is released from further service.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO VISIT SUBORDINATE MEETINGS.

To the Yearly Meeting,

Dear Friends: We the Committee appointed last year in the Select Meeting, to visit the subordinate Meetings, report that a few of us, were favored to attend all the Quarterly and nearly all the Monthly Meetings, and many of the select Meetings, to the encouragement and peace of our own minds.

ISHAM COX,
On behalf of the Committee.

11th mo., 9th, 1860.

Which is satisfactory to the Meeting.

The following proposition was received from the Trustees of New Garden Boarding School:

We propose the appointment of David White, Jr., of Eastern Quarter, and Lazarus Pearson of Contentnea, as members of the School Committee. JOSEPH NEWLIN, Clerk.

11 mo., 9th, 1860.

Of which the meeting approves and appoints them accordingly.

The Committee appointed to prepare Minutes for Friends in attendance with us from other Yearly Meetings, produced some, which were approved, and the Clerk directed to sign them on behalf of the Meeting.

The Committee on Essays produced Epistles to all the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, which were read, and the Clerk is directed to make corrections, transcribe, sign, and forward them.

Wm. Gardner and John Harris are appointed to assist in transcribing the Epistles.

The Friend appointed to procure the reprint of the London General Epistle, produced them, and the representatives were directed to apportion them among the different Quarters.

The Clerk, with the assistance of John Russell, was appointed to have the Minutes of this meeting put in proper order for the press, and have 1000 copies printed, and apportion them among the several Quarters, and draw on the treasurer for money to defray the expense.

This Meeting having been favored to bring all its deliberations to a close in harmony and brotherly love, under a sense of humble thankfulness to the Father of all our sure mercies, for the many favors received during its various sittings, solemnly concludes to meet at the usual time and place next year, if the Lord permit.

NEREUS MENDENHALL, Clerk.

MINUTES OF
NORTH CAROLINA YEARLY MEETING.
1861.

At North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends, held at New Garden, on Second day, the 4th of Eleventh month, 1861, the meeting met near the time adjourned to.

The account from Lost Creek states that no representatives were appointed by that meeting. The names of the others are as follows:

Eastern Quarter.—Eli Copeland, James Peele, William Nicholson, William T. Peele, and David White, jun.

Western.—Paris S. Benbow, William Hockett, John Dixon, John Thompson, Isham Cox, and Nathaniel Woody.

New Garden.—Joshua Lindley, Cyrus Stanly, John Russell, Lewis Starbuck, Richard Stanly, and Thomas J. Benbow.

Centerman.—William Cox, Thomas Kennedy, N. T. Perkins, Lazarus Pearson, John H. Edgerton, Nathan P. Edgerton, Robert Edgerton, and William Edgerton.

Deep River.—Solomon Vestal, Joel G. Anderson, E. E. Mendenhall, Thomas V. Adams, Jonathan Harris, and Henry Davis.

Southern.—Joseph Newlin, Ezra Hammond, Samuel Farlow, William Stout, Daniel Allen, and John Wells.

They were all present, except James Peele, Thomas J. Benbow, William Edgerton, and Thomas V. Adams, for whose absence reasons were rendered.

Isham Cox and Jonathan Harris were appointed messengers to the women's meeting.

There was received and read in this meeting a Minute for Nathaniel C. Crenshaw, a Minister from Baltimore Yearly Meeting.

William Nicholson, N. T. Perkins, Joseph Newlin, and William Stout are appointed to prepare Returning Minutes, as way may open, for Friends in attendance with us from other Yearly Meetings, and produce them to a future sitting.

The meeting was informed that the only Epistle received, is that from New England. It was read and the sympathy and encouragement therein expressed—appropriate to our present stripped condition—were very cordial and strengthening to us.

The following Friends were appointed to prepare and produce to this meeting, at a future sitting, Essays of Epistles to other Yearly Meetings:

W. Nicholson, D. White, N. Woody, J. Hobson, Isham Cox, P. Benbow, J. B. Cox, L. Starbuck, L. Pearson, N. T. Perkins, Thomas Kennedy, D. V. Moffit, A. U. Tomlinson, Ezra Kersey, E. E. Mendenhall, N. P. Spencer, D. Allen, W. Stout, John Thompson, J. Anderson, N. Edgerton, T. Hinshaw, William T. Peele, M. Dixon, Ed. G. Copeland.

J. H. Edgerton, D. Chamness, Albert Peele, Thomas Pearson, A. M. Elliott, Isaiah Cox, Cyrus Barker, are appointed to provide a copy of the

Epistle from New England for each of our Quarterly Meetings, and produce them to a future sitting.

The following Committee was appointed to settle with the different Treasurers of this meeting, propose a sum to be raised to augment its stock, and apportion the same among the Quarters; also to propose names for Treasurers:

David White, jr., James Copeland, P. S. Benbow, O T. Lindley, Cyrus Stanly, William Cox, L Pearson, J. Harris, E E. Mendenhall, J. Hockett, E. Hammond, Thomas Cox, and S Farlow.

There was received from the Meeting for Suffering, an Address to Friends in America, issued by London Yearly Meeting, held in Fifth month last. It was read, and the sympathy expressed with us in the present distracted condition of our country, and the tender advice given, were very cordial and strengthening to us. The Clerk and John Russel, are appointed to have 2,500 copies re-printed, and produce them to a future sitting and draw on the Treasurer for money to defray the expense.

The Quarterly Meetings have produced the Answers to the Queries. The Clerks are directed to prepare a Summary from them, and produce it to the meeting to-morrow.

The meeting adjourned until 11 o'clock to-morrow.

Third-day Morning, the 5th.—Friends met near the time adjourned to. The representatives reported that they have conferred together, and agreed to propose Nereus Mendenhall for Clerk, and William Hockett for Assistant—of which the meeting approves, and appoints them accordingly

SUMMARY ANSWERS.

The Clerks produced the following Summary Answers to the Queries:

Ans. 1.– Meetings for worship and discipline well attended by some Friends in all of the Quarters. Others are remiss therein, especially in the attendance of meetings held near the middle of the week. In all of the Quarters some Friends are seldom seen at meeting. Care said to be taken in four of the Quarters, the hour nearly observed, and no unbecoming conduct to report in any of the Quarters.

Ans. 2.—Love and unity is maintained in a good degree in all of the Quarters, though there is some complaint in one of them Tale-bearing and detraction discouraged; and when differences have appeared, endeavors have been used to end them; and the rules of discipline mostly put in practice in due time, in all of the Quarters. though it is feared in one of the Quarters not so timely as might be best.

Ans. 3.—Plainness and moderation kept to by most Friends, tho' some remisness appears in all the Quarters. Care is said to be taken in two of them. Those who have children appear concerned to discharge their duties in the other particulars of that Query, except a fear is expressed in one of the Quarters that the proper training of our children is too much neglected.

Ans. 4.—In all the Quarters, a few Friends appear to use spirituous liquors as a drink. Care said to be taken in one of the Quarters. No complaint in the other part of that Query.

Ans. 5.—Friends bear a testimony against war, except in a few instances

in five of the Quarters, which are under notice, and mostly against a hireling ministry.

Ans. 6.—Friends appear clear under the several heads of that Query, except of two instances of holding by heirship, and two of hireing, which are said to be under notice.

Ans. 7.—Friends appear careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances. No complaint under other heads of that Query.

Ans. 8.—The necessities of poor Friends relieved when known, and care taken under the other heads of that Query in all the Quarters.

Ans. 9.—No lawsuits among us contrary to discipline.

ADVICES.

In all of the Quarters the Advices were read, and a hope is expressed in some degree attended to.

During the reading of the Queries and Answers, many deficiencies were brought to view as still existing amongst us. The meeting was brought under deep exercise on that account, and much salutary counsel was imparted by concerned Friends.

The Clerks were directed to prepare and produce to a future sitting, a suitable Minute, embracing the exercises and labors of the day.

DECEASED MINISTERS AND ELDERS

The different Quarters made the following Report on deceased Ministers and Elders:

Eastern.—Rachel Peele, on the 6th of Twelfth month, 1860, aged 54 years; an Elder. Had been a Minister 16 years.

Western.—Mary Dixon, on the 24th of Seventh month, 1861, aged 59 years, 11 months, 27 days; an Elder 23 years.

New Garden.—Aaron Stalker, 29th of Ninth month, 1860, in the 63rd year of his age; an Elder about 27 years.

Deep River.—Elizabeth Hunt, 26th of Tenth month, 1860; an Elder 25 years. James Mendenhall, 15th of Fourth month, 1861, aged 89 years, 1 month, 29 days; an Elder many years. Abel Coffin, 31st of Ninth month, 1861, aged 82 years, 9 months, 20 days; an Elder 16 years.

Lost Creek.—Samuel Jones, aged 62 years; an Elder 12 years. Catherine Bales, aged 83 years; an Elder 44 years.

Southern.—David Farlow, 2nd of Eighth month, 1861, aged 44 years, 10 months, 8 days; a Minister 11 years.

REPORT ON SPIRITOUS LIQUORS.

The different Quarters make the following Report on the use of spiritous liquors:

QUARTERS.	Clear Members.	Members who use it.	Members not inquired of.
Eastern,	232	21	14
Western,	272	13	1
New Garden,	66	4	6
Contentnea,	86	1	7
Lost Creek,	136	10	11
Deep River, (imperfect.)	203	17	4
Southern,	326	17	14
[illegible]	1321	83	57

Subordinate meetings were directed to continue their labors for the removal of the article from amongst us, and report to next Yearly Meeting the number of our members over 18 years of age who use it as a drink, and

those who use it not. Quarterly Meetings are also directed to report the number of families within their limits.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF NEW GARDEN BOARDING-SCHOOL.

The twenty-fifth Annual Report of the Trustees of New Garden Boarding-School was produced, read and approved, and is as follows:

The first session of the past year was carried on under the superintendence of Jonathan E. Cox, for the Trustees, and at the termination of the last session there was due the School on notes and accounts, $1342.59
Less the indebtedness of the School, 1085.56
Balance in favor of School, $257.03

There has been in School in the first session 54 students, 32 of whom were members, and 24 who were not members, averaging 34½, and of that number 1 was a day-scholar. During the second session 42 students were in School, of whom 23 were members, and 19 who were not members, averaging 27, of whom 4 were day-scholars.

The general health of the School has been good, and the rules of the School have been in a good degree observed.

The Trustees entered into an agreement with Jonathan E. Cox to take the School for the past session on his own responsibility so as to avoid the accumulation of debt against the School, and have made the same arrangement with him for next year—thus avoiding the accruing of debt, for that time, against the School—the School to be under the supervision of Nereus Mendenhall as Principal Teacher.

Our Collecting Agent submits his Annual Report as follows:

In submitting this Report, perhaps it would be of more general interest to embrace the whole transaction from the commencement of my agency up to this date,

Shewing the whole amount of debt, including interest,		$27245.52
Amount collected on debts due School,	$2960.76	
Received from our own Yearly Meeting,	7626·89	
" " other "	2103.77	
" " those not in membership,	472.97	$13164.39
Showing balance of debt without Agent's commission,		$14081.13

Which is submitted.

Eleventh month, 1st, 1861. ISHAM COX, Agent.

The foregoing Report being introduced and read, was approved, and directed to be signed by the Clerk and forwarded to the Yearly Meeting.

Eleventh month, 4th, 1861. JOSEPH NEWLIN, Clerk.

Fifth day Morning, the 7th.—The meeting met near the time adjourned to.

The Clerk produced a Minute embracing the exercises of the meeting on Third-day, which was read and approved, as follows:

MINUTE OF ADVICE.

By the reading of the Queries and Answers, it has been apparent that deficiencies still exist among us. Prominent among these, is a neglect in the attendance of our meetings, particularly those held near the middle of the week. It is often the case that if those who are in the habit of neg-

lecting their meetings expect a minister of some reputation to be present, they will attend with a view of hearing what may be said. But do not such forget that this partakes too much of the outward service of the old Jewish temple, and that the greatest minister can really speak to the purpose only so far as he is qualified and annointed by the Minister of Ministers; only so far as he has that unction of the Holy One, which, though given to him, is withheld from none—not even the least of the flock?

It is no doubt true that this worship may be performed alone, at our own houses, or even in our fields, but we are *social* beings Love to God begets love to man, and this love to man is spoken of in Scripture as the proof that we are Christ's disciples. "If any man love not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God, whom he hath not seen? Again: "Hereby shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." Hence the duty of social worship, and the propriety and reasonableness of that injunction of the Apostle—"Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works; not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is, but exhorting one another; and so much the more as ye see the day approaching." Our first two Queries correspond in some degree to the first two Commandments: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and thy neighbor as thyself; and as on these two hang all the law and the prophets, so from the fulfilment of these two Queries seems to flow the discharge of all our other duties.

The question was feelingly put to those who are the most consistent part of Society, whether there is not a neglect on their part,—a neglect of proper endeavors, in a spirit of meeknees, to restore their delinquent brethren. Again and again should the effort be made; and though the labor may appear to be lost, it may yet prove as bread cast upon the waters. The laborer at any rate is blessed, and his reward is sure. Great is the responsibility of those who stand as watchmen. "When I say unto the wicked, O wicked *man*, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked *man* shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul."—Ezek. xxxiii, 8-9

Let those, then, who occupy the stations of parents and watchmen, be careful to sound the warning, and even where there seems little ground for hope of a reformation, there may be danger of giving way too much to discouragement. "Lord," said Martha, "if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died: but I know that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee." Jesus saith unto her, "Thy brother shall rise again." By thus applying to the Physician of value on behalf of a brother, it may be that even the spiritually dead may be restored to life.

We would entreat our young friends not to throw off their adherence to the doctrines of this Society in respect of plainness of speech and apparel. It is the settled conviction of experienced minds that there is among us too much of a running after the vain and frivolous fashions of the world, and that if we ever gain the position we were intended to occupy as a Religious Society, or even maintain our present standing, we must be purged from many things now among us. As saith the prophet Jeremiah: "If thou return, then will I bring thee again; and thou shalt stand before me; and if thou take the precious from the vile, thou shalt be as my mouth. Let them return unto thee: but return not thou unto them, and I will make thee a fenced brazen wall, and they shall fight against thee, but they shall not prevail against thee: for I am with thee to save thee and deliver thee, saith the Lord, and I will deliver thee out of the hand of the wicked, and I will redeem thee out of the hand of the terrible."

We do not believe that religion consists in a garb of peculiar shape; but we do believe that the man of solid principles will not adopt the dress of the fop. He will dress in a plain and simple manner. But in addition to

this, the style of Friends points them out as members of a body, believing as very few other Religious Societies do, in the peaceable nature of Christ's kingdom, and its incompatibility with every species of injustice and oppression; and thus the plain coat and the plain speech become real though silent testimonies against oppression and war.

This is a time of peculiar trial; but let none be discouraged. As our country becomes more distracted and torn by strife, let us as a people unite more closely together. Though iniquity abound, let not our love wax cold, but rather increase, till, like Abraham, we may be prepared to make any sacrifice which may be called for at our hands.

SETTLEMENT WITH TREASURERS.

The Committee appointed to settle with the different Treasurers accountable to this meeting, produced the following Report, which was read and approved, and the Treasurers therein proposed, appointed accordingly:

We the Committee appointed to settle with the different Treasurers accountable to this meeting report as follows:

We find in the hands of William Hockett, Western Treasurer,	$ 7.16½
In the hands of William Nicholson, Eastern Treasurer,	119 57½
In the hands of Daniel Bales, of Lost Creek, we find by Report of last year,	17.50
In the hands of the Clerk of Lost Creek Q. M., ordered last year to augment Yearly Meeting stock,	15 00
Leaving a deficiency in their Quarter of $5.	$158 74

We find a deficiency in Western Quarter of	$26.50
Of which $17 have been put in the new account for next year.	
Also a deficiency in the Southern Q. M., of	15.50
Also a deficiency in New Garden of	25.00
Also a deficiency in Deep River Quarter of	102 00
	$169.00
Nearly all this amount of deficiencies ready to be paid in.	
Amount in Treasury,	158 74
Whole amount due and in the Treasury,	$327.74

We propose for Western Treasurer William Hockett; for Eastern Treasurer, William Nicholson; Lost Creek, Daniel Bales. We propose that $317 be raised to augment the Yearly Meeting stock, and apportioned as follows: Eastern Quarter, $70; Western, $5; Deep River, $55; Southern, 70; Contentnea, $37; New Garden, $20; Lost Creek $10. We find in the hands of Allen U. Tomlinson Treasurer of the Charity Fund, $1605.93 Interest collected and paid to J. E. Cox, 78 25

The Treasurer of the Common Fund being absent, and having left no stated account of that fund, we are not able to make full report. But we have ascertained from a reliable source that there are available bonds in his possession to the amount of $2012.31, with interest thereon from the 1st day of Eleventh month, 1860. And agreeably to the report last year, there were $295 in his hands of doubtful claims, some of which may be available. The Treasurer of the Common Fund being about to remove from within the limits of this Yearly Meeting, we think proper to propose the name of Elihu E. Mendenhall for Treasurer of that fund. All of which we submit. Signed on behalf of the Committee.

DAVID WHITE, Jun.

COMMITTEE ON YEARLY MEETING.

The Committee appointed to consider the propriety of changing the place of holding this Yearly Meeting, report that they do not see the way clear

for recommending any change at present; of which the meeting approves. The subject is continued under the care of the same Committee, and they are to report thereon next year.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Trustees of New Garden Boarding-School, this meeting appoints Joseph R. Parker one of the School Committee.

A memorial from Rich Square Monthly Meeting, concerning Rachel Peele, deceased, approved by the Meeting of Sufferings, was read in the meeting. It is approved and directed to be recorded in the book of Memorials.

There was received from the meeting for Sufferings the following extract from a document issued by the half-year's meeting of Friends in Virginia, held 7th of Tenth month, 1861, and after deliberation on the subject, this meeting approves of the same, and directs it forwarded by way of advice to the Quarters:

"Being thus careful to abstain from war, and every thing connected with war, we cannot conscientiously pay any fines that may be imposed upon us, individually, for non-performance of military duty, but rather quietly submit to have the value of the same distrained by the proper officer; yet do we pay all taxes imposed on us as citizens and property holders, in common with other citizens, remembering the injuction, 'Tribute to whom tribute is due, custom to whom custom;' believing that upon the Government rests the responsibility of how they expend this tribute or custom; nor do our views prevent us from contributing our mite toward the relief of the sick and suffering, (soldiers as well as others,) but on the contrary we feel it required of us, like the good Samaritan, to bind up the wounds of any we may find by the way side, to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and pray for our enemies even though they may have despitefully used and persecuted us."

The Committee appointed at a former sitting have procured a copy of the Epistle from New England for each of the Quarters. They are placed in the hands of the representatives, who are also directed to take charge of the printed Address from London Yearly Meeting, and apportion them among the Quarters.

E. E. Mendenhall is appointed Recorder of the Memorials of deceased members, which may be approved by this meeting.

The Committee appointed to prepare Minutes for Friends in attendance with us from Baltimore Yearly Meeting, produced some, which were approved, and the Clerk directed to sign them on behalf of the meeting.

The Committee on Essays produced Epistles to all the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, except New York, and the Clerk is directed to make corrections, transcribe, sign and forward them. He is also directed to prepare one for New York, and forward it.

Uriah Mercy and Jonathan Harris are appointed to assist in transcribing the Epistles.

The Clerk, with the assistance of John Russell, was appointed to have the Minutes of this meeting put in proper order for the press, and have 700 copies printed and apportion them among the several Quarters, and draw on the treasurer for money to defray the expense.

The attention of Quarterly Meetings is again directed to the requisitions

of last Yearly Meeting in respect of reports on education. They are also invited to give increased attention to the maintainance of First-day schools within their limits.

This meeting having been favored to bring all its deliberations to a close in harmony and brotherly love, under a sense of humble thankfulness to our Father in Heaven, for the many favors received during its various sittings, solemnly concludes to meet at the usual time and place next year if the Lord permit.

NEREUS MENDENHALL, Clerk.

M. S. Sherwood, Printer, Patriot Office, Greensborough, N. C.